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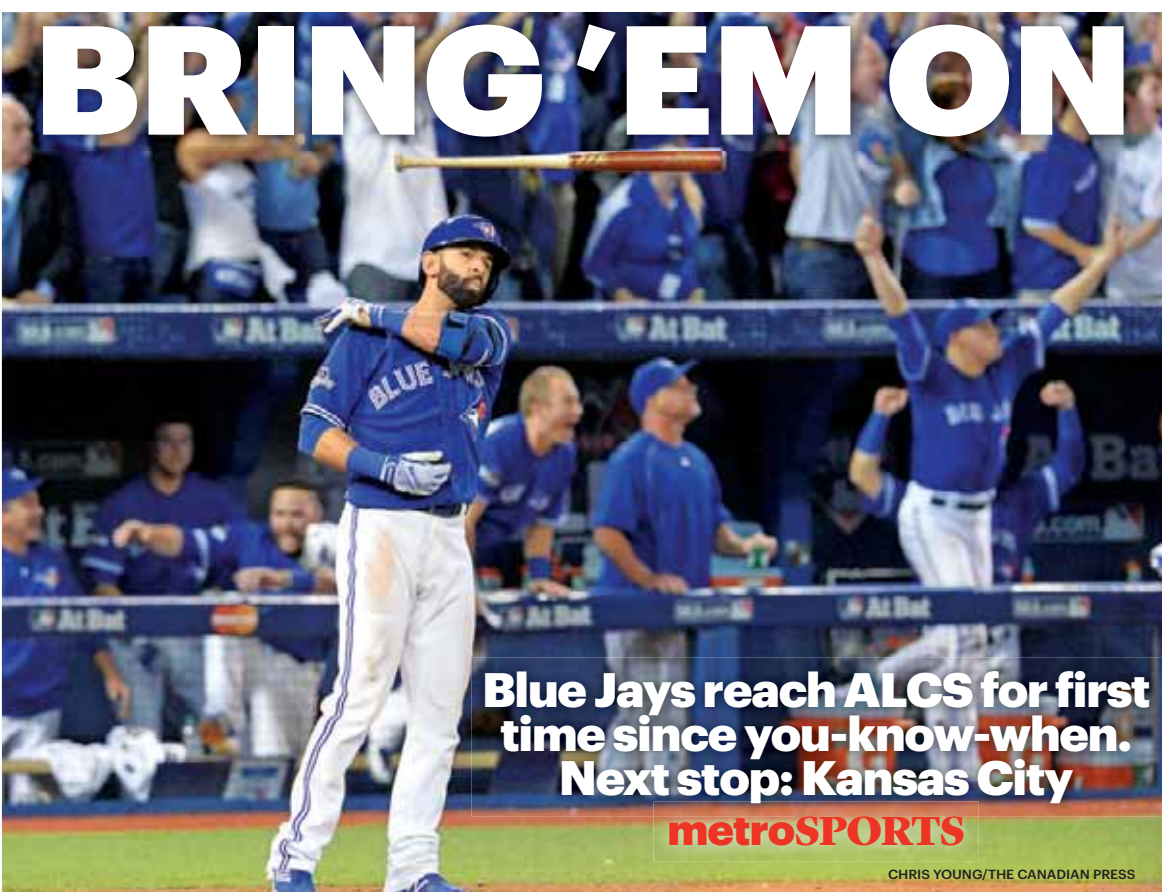


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## Dye glitch delaying PET scans

HEALTH  
**AHS official apologizes to patients, aims for swift fix**

**Brodie Thomas**  
For Metro | Calgary

Patients awaiting PET scans have had their appointments rescheduled because of a problem with Alberta Health Services cyclotron in Edmonton.  
Mauro Chies, chief program officer of clinical support services with AHS, confirmed the cyclotron, which makes radioactive dye, is broken. He said they hope

to have it running later this week and said they are getting the dye from other provinces.  
He also apologized for the inconvenience it was causing to patients and their families.  
Erica Malanchuk, 34, is one of the affected patients. She has Stage 3 cervical cancer and needs the scan to determine if her latest rounds of treatments were successful.  
The Calgarian was first scheduled to have a PET scan on Sept. 15 at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre. On Sept. 14, it was set over to Oct. 15. On Wednesday, she was again told the scan would have to be rescheduled.  
Both times she was told the AHS cyclotron in Edmonton was unable to produce the radioactive dye needed for her scan.

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A council committee waded through a debate to approve administration recommendations on the Green Line alignment Wednesday. METRO FILE

## Green light for LRT report

### TRANSIT

#### Concerns remain for councillors



**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

With the next step of Calgary's Green Line project through the committee hoop, the long-term project is another step closer to realization.

The Transportation committee approved a report Wednesday from administration with the finalized "recommended" alignment of both the LRT line and stations.

Although discussion was positive there were a few key points councillors brought up as concerns with the overall project.

#### Parking Problems

To park and ride or not park and ride, that's the question.

Currently the 25-kilometre southeast portion of the LRT have outlined park and rides for seven out of 15 stations. Some of these lots are meant

to transition out of park-and-ride lots in the future as the city develops.

"Southhill station, we did not identify a park and ride at that station, however the land is primarily city-owned," said Fabiola MacIntyre.

MacIntyre added that some other opportunities may come up to create more park and rides.

Coun. Brian Pincott worries that offering up parking lots now, but developing the land later will trouble those who get used to using park-and-ride.

**I wouldn't see an issue with paying that (zone-based) premium, but that's just me.**

Darshan Taylor

"It's not going to be (Transit Oriented Development) for 20 years, but in 20 years you're going to have embedded so many behaviours, how do you achieve that?" asked Pincott.

On the flip side, Coun. Sean Chu said Calgarians need park-and-rides and encouraged administration to build more.

Coun. Peter Demong said a parking strategy should be coming forward soon which might address some concerns and the need for more park-and-ride builds.

#### Revenue questions

Concerns have been brought forward on how much revenue the new LRT line will be able to raise as it launches.

As council has directed, Calgary Transit is supposed to account for 50 to 55 per cent of operational costs through revenue.

But as Coun. Andre Chabot and others raised during debate, ridership projections won't cover half of the cost to run trains or buses.

Chabot, who has advocated for zone-based fares, was curious to see what a

member of the public thought about the idea.

Darshan Taylor, a member of the public living in the

southeast and student at the University of Calgary entertained questions from Chabot who asked if he'd be "willing to pay a small premium" for service to accommodate for that gap.

"I would," Darshan Taylor said.

"I wouldn't see an issue with paying that premium, but that's just me."

Taylor added he wasn't sure it would be necessary once the line is up and running, but not out of the question for the value of service the line would provide.

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# Attention, all drivers

## DISTRACTED DRIVING

### Ministry moves forward with demerit point loss



**Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

Despite a change in government, there are no plans to change how the province plans to combat distracted driving.

Alberta's transportation minister, Brian Mason, confirmed the NDP will follow through with a proposal by former PC MLA Moe Amery to tack on three demerits in addition to the current \$287 fine for driving distracted.

On Wednesday, Metro reported that Alberta has seen roughly 27,000 distracted driving tickets issued annually, costing offenders \$5 million per year. There's also been a four-fold spike in tickets for those using devices like laptops, iPads and gaming devices.



**Along with a ticket of \$287, drivers will eventually see a loss of 3 demerit points.**

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"To get the attention of repeat offenders by using demerits is a good way to do it because repeat offenders will eventually end up losing their licence or having it

suspended," Mason said. "So we're moving in the direction of making this offence subject to demerit points."

Calgary police Staff Sgt. Paul Stacey he hopes losing

demerit points, and the possibility of losing their licence will have more of an impact on drivers.

"I expect that once the government institutes demerits

**“It's really arisen out of the huge popularity of cellphones.**

Transportation Minister  
Brian Mason

instead of just a fine, I suspect we'll start to see the number decline," he said. "That's when it becomes real, that's when people eventually lose their drivers' licences over this."

Mason said statistics show that anywhere between 20-30 per cent of collisions are due to distracted driving, mainly due to the prevalence of cellphones and other electronic devices in our everyday lives.

"That's an incredibly high number," he said.

"It's really arisen out of the huge popularity of cellphones, which we didn't have 15-20 years ago. This just wasn't an issue, so we've had to adapt, and people need to adapt and learn safe driving behaviour."

"Some people get that and some people don't."

## IN BRIEF

### Federal Conservatives respond to mayor's Calgary Cities Matter Survey

Conservatives have taken the Thanksgiving weekend to digest questions from Mayor Naheed Nenshi and submitted responses to the Cities Matter Survey a week before the election.

On Thursday, when the mayor revealed results of his survey, the Conservatives were missing from results despite the two-week timeframe they were given to respond to the city-focused questionnaire.

In echoing other "big city mayors" Nenshi is urging Calgaryans to "Vote for Cities."

He continued to state that it's up to citizens to read and judge the now completed surveys submitted from each federal party.

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### Brookfield Residential to buy ALBI Homes

A major acquisition in the Calgary homebuilding market was announced on Wednesday.

Brookfield Residential has agreed to purchase ALBI Homes.

The acquisition is scheduled to close in coming weeks and is subject to various closing conditions. Financial details of the acquisition are confidential. ALBI has built over 3,300 homes across Calgary since 1982.

"What's exciting about this acquisition is that despite the challenging economic times, it reaffirms Alberta is a place to do business. I'm very excited for what the future holds for us," said Allan Klassen, president and managing partner at ALBI Homes, in a press release. METRO

### Snow and ice surplus put in reserves

Council will be rolling the extra coin from last year's wimpy winter into several reserve funds as they brace for the next cold front.

The city experienced a milder than normal winter, which was reflected in the \$14 million budget surplus.

The annual report went before Transportation and Transit committee Wednesday, where officials said \$5 million of the surplus would be rolled into the "reserve" this year, with more money being put in the fiscal stability reserve.

Although snow was thin, workers usually plowing were given other jobs like filling potholes and sweeping streets during mild stints.

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**Alanna Lastiwka has already visited 50 churches in Edmonton.** KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

## PROJECT

### One blogger, 100 Edmonton churches



**Andrea Ross**  
Metro | Edmonton

One thing Alanna Lastiwka has learned in her quest to visit 100 Edmonton churches is that it can get awkward.

"When you have to walk into a place where it's usually a tight knit group, you get weird looks," Lastiwka. "Some days you feel really introverted and don't want to go out and deal with an awkward situation."

"But I figure I'm halfway there and might as well finish the next half."

The 24-year-old set out to visit 100 churches around the city two years ago as a sort of quest for understanding. She documents each visit on her blog, 100 Churches 100 Sun-

days, detailing the congregation and service, as well as the look of the church itself.

So far, she's visited 50 different churches in Edmonton — from Anglican cathedrals to alternative churches.

She picks them at random, and goes alone.

"I roll out of bed at 8 a.m. on a Sunday, get on Google maps and 350 red dots pop up," she said. "I pick one and use public transit. I get there, hopefully on time, and sit through the service. Next Sunday, I get up and do it again."

By day, Lastiwka works at a liquor store on Whyte Avenue. She doesn't consider herself religious, but decided to do the project after finishing school and realizing she wanted to better understand organized religion.

# Three sisters 'died living life on the farm': Parents

## WITHROW

### Family's roots deep in region

Three young sisters were playing in their family's loaded grain truck when they became trapped and suffocated in a dense pile of tiny canola seeds that experts say would have swallowed them like quicksand.

Thirteen-year-old Catie Bott, and 11-year-old twins Dara and Jana were buried around supertime Tuesday during the busy harvest season on the farm near Withrow in west-central Alberta.

Their parents and neighbours worked furiously to free them from the truck and performed CPR, but two of the girls could not be revived. The third was taken by air ambulance to hospital in Edmonton, but she died overnight.

"Our kids died living life on the farm," the parents said in a statement released Wednesday by RCMP. "It is a family farm. We do not regret raising and involving our kids ... on our farm. It was our life."

The family is well-known and has roots in the area, said Ted Hickey, director of com-



Grain bins and farm machinery at the scene where three girls died in a tragic farm accident near Withrow, Alta., Wednesday.

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## + WHAT IS IT?

Canola is a plant with a bright-yellow flower in the same family as cauliflower and cabbage. When crushed, the fine seeds produce oil that is used in everything from margarine to biodiesel.

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munity and protective services with Clearwater County.

He rushed to the farm with other emergency workers to find the girls had already been pulled from the pile. People used shovels to free them but it took "extraordinary" effort, he said.

Their parents were in shock and relying on their Christian faith to help them, Hickey said.

"They were very stoic to the

point of actually coming up to first responders and thanking them for all they did for their daughters."

Sgt. Mike Numan, who teared up as he talked to repor-

ters, said he couldn't answer any questions about the accident. Exactly what happened is still under investigation.

"This is hitting all of us very hard," he said. "Front-

line responders are routinely called out to sad situations, but things are always harder for everyone when kids are involved."

Glen Blahey, an agricultural safety and health expert with the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, said a load of seed acts like quicksand. It only takes seconds for a person to become trapped and a few minutes to suffocate.

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**"It is a family farm. We do not regret raising and involving our kids ... on our farm. It was our life."**

Statement from family

## PATIENT INFO

### Privacy breaches at AHS

Alberta Health Services says four dozen of its employees in the Calgary zone are facing disciplinary action for inappropriately accessing a patient's information.

CEO Vickie Kaminski says the 48 work at South Health Campus and across the Calgary region.

She says one person is facing termination, while the others are being suspended without pay from two to five days.

Kaminski says all AHS employees are accountable for patient privacy.

She says user activity in AHS electronic systems is recorded and audited, and suspicious activity or accessing information is flagged.

The Calgary zone stretches north to Didsbury, south to Claresholm, west to Banff and east to Gleichen.

"All AHS employees, physicians and volunteers are accountable for patient privacy. It is not only the right thing to do; it is the law," Kaminski said in a statement Wednesday.

"AHS also reports privacy breaches to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner ... the body that holds authority to pursue prosecution of any individual who perpetrates breaches under the Health Information Act."

Kaminski said prosecutions can result in fines and are reported to the appropriate professional regulatory bodies.

The United Nurses of Alberta issued a statement calling for Kaminski to resign, saying it was inappropriate for her to release the information.

The union calls it a breach of confidence and says it's illegal under Alberta privacy legislation, adding it will seek appropriate redress for its members.

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# Kids get earmuffs for overcrowding

## EDUCATION

### Noise-blocking devices needed in 'classroom' stuck in library



**Aaron Chatha**  
Metro|Calgary

Leslie Brooks' son Grady is in Grade 2, and his school is so short on learning spaces that they've converted half the library into a makeshift classroom.

The other half of the library is still open to students — separated by bookshelves — and when the noise is too loud for Grady and his classmates to concentrate, they're given noise-cancelling earmuffs.

"There's basically no sound barrier at all between the library and the classroom," said Brooks. "What they've done is they have a set of earmuffs, like the industrial sound-blocking kind, for the kids for when they're trying to

do quiet activities."

Grady's class has 43 students and two teachers. Alberta Education suggests K-3 classes comprise 17 students.

Brooks said that when she learned Grady wouldn't be in a real classroom at Acadia School this year, she was nearly in tears. When Grady was in kindergarten, his class was put into a converted A.V. room.

Barbara Silva, spokeswoman for the Support our Students Alberta parent group, said she often hears about lunchrooms, stages and libraries being converted into learning spaces.

"It doesn't surprise me that we are now moving to absurd measures to allow our kids to focus better in school as a result of over-population," she said.

Megan Geyer with the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) said that, as a whole, the utilization rate is 86 per cent. More than a third of schools are more than 90 per cent full.

"As a result, many schools use spaces such as the learning commons or stages as spaces for



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Megan Geyer, CBE

student learning," she said in a statement. "Schools manage space in the best way possible to meet their individual needs."

Geyer said pressure on the system will be alleviated with new schools; however, the CBE will still need 34 new schools over the next decade to bring utilization rates down to 80 per cent, the recommended CBE target.

In a statement, Education Minister David Eggen said the previous government failed to build schools for many years, and as a result class sizes have risen, but his government has already committed \$100 million in school funding.



Leslie Brooks' son Grady is in Grade 2. His class is made of 43 students, with two teachers. Alberta Education suggests K-3 classes be limited to 17 students. COURTESY LESLIE BROOKS

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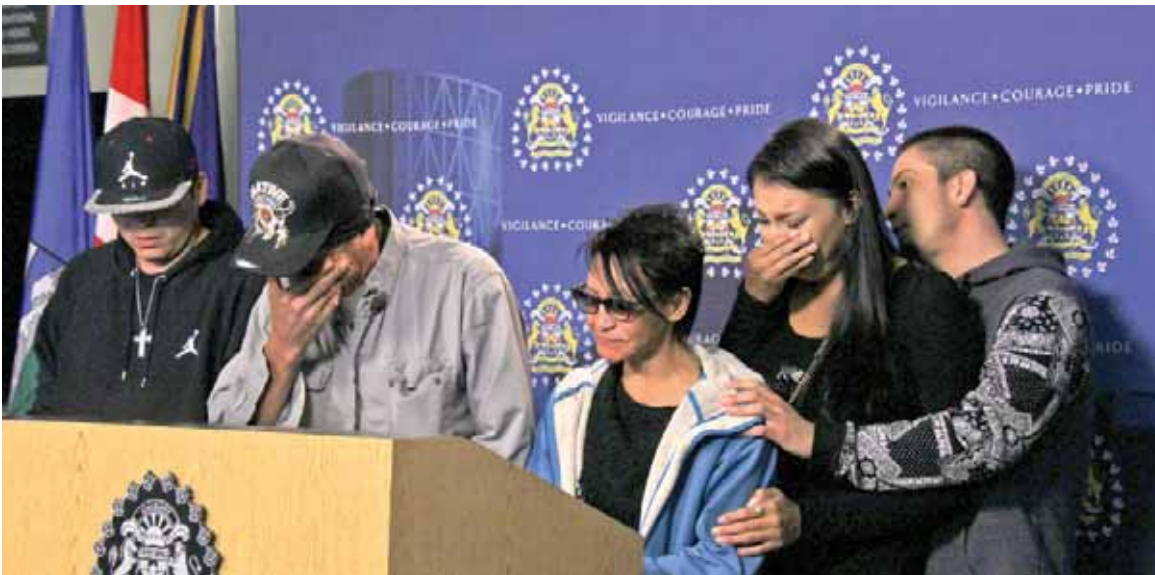
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Christa Cachene's family, from left, Aj Cachene (brother), Leslie Whitehead (father), Nancy Cachene (mother), Jaci Cachene (sister) and Julian Redwood (brother-in-law), made an emotional statement and pleaded with those who attended her party Saturday to come forward and help with the investigation. LUCIE EDWARDS/METRO

# Family makes plea to find daughter's killer

RANCHLANDS

## Police look to speak with man in relation to homicide



Lucie Edwardson  
Metro | Calgary

The family of murder victim Christa Cachene made an emotional plea for those who attended a party at her house Saturday night to come forward to police and help them in their efforts to find who is responsible.

Cachene's family could be seen wiping tears from their eyes as they addressed media

Wednesday afternoon.

"She was a single mother of two who loved her children with all of her heart," said her father Leslie Whitehead.

Staff Sgt. Colin Chisholm said Cachene was found dead in her Ranchlands home Sunday, as a result of a "vicious beating."

Whitehead, who found his daughter in the basement of her Ranchlands home Sunday, broke down as he said a few words in his native language about his daughter.

"I just want to find out what happened to her," he later translated. "Please come forward if you have information about my girl's murder. Justice for Christa."

Cachene's mother Nancy Cachene described her daughter as a strong and beautiful



**I just want to find out what happened to her.**

Leslie Whitehead,  
victim's father

family-oriented woman.

"We're a close-knit family and Christa was a big part of it," said Nancy. "She shared her heart with us and always had time to host family dinners and make sure everyone felt loved and included."

Calgary police have identified a person they're looking to speak with in relation to the murder of the 26-year-old.

Isaiah Riel Rider, 18, is already wanted on an Alberta-

wide warrant for assault and a Canada-wide warrant for breach of a conditional sentence order. Chisholm wouldn't confirm if Rider is a suspect in the case.

When asked if Rider was dangerous Chisholm simply said, "Well he is wanted for assault," but would not elaborate further. Rider is described as an Aboriginal male, approximately six-foot-two, 155 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

Chisholm said police believe Cachene hosted a party Saturday night with a number of people in attendance, but died in the early hours of Sunday, after the party had ended.

Anyone with information about Rider's whereabouts is asked to contact police by calling the non-emergency line at 403-266-1234.

CITY HALL

## Transit waiting on late-night direction



Helen Pike  
Metro | Calgary

Calgary Transit has been going to bed early.

Since September, Edmonton has been running five of its transit routes until 3 a.m., but Calgarians may have some time to wait before extended service comes to the hour-strapped local service.

Ron Collins, spokesperson for Calgary Transit, said late-night transit hasn't been in this budget or the previous one, and there's not much they can do about it without council directive.

"There's nothing new to report on our end, unfortunately" said Collins. "We're looking for some direction from council."

Coun. Shane Keating, with the Standing Policy Committee

on Transportation and Transit, said he'd be interested in looking into a report on the matter, but without much information didn't have an opinion.

"I believe transit probably should be in certain areas that make it efficient as late as possible," said Keating.

He said expanding service too much risks the council mandate to account for 50 to 55 per cent of operational costs through fares. He said he'd be interested to see what kind of possible scenarios there are for late night service in the city.

Last New Year's Eve was a pilot to determine service demand in the wee hours, Calgary Transit offered trains and buses until 3 a.m., but the idea went no further.

"I pushed for that on New Year's Eve and other holidays I think we should be going much later."



Coun. Shane Keating says he'd like to see scenarios for bus and train service running into the wee hours. METRO FILE

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## EDUCATION

# Minister tightens school trustees' reins

Alberta's education minister is taking steps to keep a tight rein on Edmonton Catholic school trustees openly feuding over a policy to protect gay and transgender students.

David Eggen announced Wednesday that the province has hired an outside adviser to work with the board to help it pass an inclusive policy.

"Generally they (the Edmonton trustees) have had governance issues for a long time,"

Eggen told reporters at the legislature.

"It has come to a head in regards to their capacity to build a coherent transgender policy and an equality policy generally."

Eggen has broad powers over school boards and said he hasn't ruled out dissolving the board if it fails to meet expectations.

Catholic board chairwoman Marilyn Bergstra said in state-

ment: "As a board, we want to move forward in a positive manner. "We are all here for our students and recognize the need to work together on their behalf."

Asked why he doesn't simply implement a province-wide policy on transgender and same-sex equality issues, Eggen would only say he expects all school boards to implement policies in line with legislation.

"I've met with all of (the boards) except one so far in the last few weeks, and the message is clear."

The adviser, Donald Cummings and his group National Growth Partners, has a six-month contract costing \$60,000. The cost is to be split between the province and the school board.

Cummings's first report to Eggen is due in three months.

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Sam Adekugbe and Charlie Trafford both played soccer for Calgary Foothills soccer club and have now both represented Canada. CHARLIE TRAFFORD/CONTRIBUTED

## Soccer pros inspire new generation

## SPORTS

### Foothills youth program product suits up for Canada



Lucie Edwardson  
Metro | Calgary

Charlie Trafford has dreamed of donning his country's colours and representing them on the world stage his whole life, and this past weekend that dream became a reality.

The 23-year-old Calgarian and professional soccer player for Finnish team KuPS took the field Tuesday for the first time with team Canada to play against Ghana in a men's international friendly match in Washington D.C.

Trafford said it has been a whirlwind. He said the invitation to play with the team came Oct. 5 around 2 a.m. in Finland and within a matter of hours he was on a plane to join the team for training in Florida.

"My heart was racing after I got the call," said Trafford. "I couldn't sleep the rest of the night."

Trafford started the game against Ghana and earned his first "cap," a gold medallion embossed with the match details.

Less than a day after his life-long dream came true, and a 1-1 draw against Ghana, Trafford said he is still taking it all in.

"It was an amazing experience," he said. "I'm pretty happy with the way it all went. It's a great stepping stone."

It's got the local soccer community buzzing.

"We are very, very proud," said Trafford's former coach and technical director for Foothills soccer club in Calgary, Tommy Wheeldon Jr. "It's a phenomenal achievement."

Alongside Trafford, fellow Foothills alumni Sam Adekugbe, who plays for the Vancouver White Caps, also hit the pitch for his second appearance with Team Canada.

"We are witnessing a new era of players from Calgary that are making the international scene again," said Wheeldon. "To see new role models who developed in Calgary at the Foothills youth program emerge onto the international stage is great for our next generation of players."

Trafford said he is now heading back to Finland to finish up his season and two-year contract with KuPS, but he said this isn't the last we've seen of him. "I have to keep getting better all the time, but it's a good group," he said.

"I'll have to keep proving myself, but I want to be at more camps."

**“My heart was racing after I got the call.”**

Charlie Trafford

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SURVEY

**Majority say 74 is old, but it all depends on your health**



**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

If you're 71.5, then most Albertans think you're old.

That figure is from a new survey conducted by ThinkHQ Public Affairs, where 2,010 Albertans were asked, "At what age do you personally consider someone to be old?" online.

"It's interesting," said Marc Henry, president of ThinkHQ. "Fifty years ago, life expectancy

was 74, and now that's the age-range Albertans consider to be old."

But Alexandra Witczak, Ogden House Senior Citizen Club, said she considers 71 to be young.

"Age is just a number," she said. "In my opinion, people can be young at heart, no matter what their age is."

Witczak wouldn't disclose her age to Metro, adding that it didn't matter.

In fact, she said the club doesn't really talk about age or "oldness" — it doesn't sit well.

"Old sounds used, or something you don't need and put in the garbage," she said. "We have a Zumba instructor here that can probably move a lot better than some of today's teenagers."

In the survey, Albertans' per-

**Age is just a number.**  
Alexandra Witczak

ceptions of age changed depending on their age bracket.

On average, those under 35 thought 67.3 was old, those between 35 and 54 said 71.8 was old, and those over 55 said 76 was old.

Photographer Nicole Hopkinson, 30, said she thought 30 was old when she was younger.

"Now that I'm 30 this year, I think 30 is super young," she said with a laugh. "I thought 30 was very old when I was 15."

The survey also asked Albertans about their personal health.

On average, respondents who had poor health thought 68 was old, while those with very good health said 72.4 was old.

Witczak said the key to aging is having a positive attitude — it'll keep you youthful.

"A positive attitude is very, very important," she said. "Many people (at the club) are very happy and active because we're positive."

The online survey was weighted to reflect gender, age, region of Alberta's population according to Statistics Canada. The survey was not a random sample, meaning the margin of error isn't applicable. But, a probably sample of this size would yield a margin of error of +2.2 or -2.2 percentage points at a 95 per cent confidence interval.

REACTION

## Word on the street: How old is 'old'?



**For me it's like 80 and that's because for me it's about physical limitations that might make you old.**

Stephanie Shields, 28, food truck owner



**If I was thinking of a senior, I'd say 75 years and older. But age is just a number, so it depends if that person feels old or not.**

Nicole Hopkinson, 30, photographer



**I think the most politically correct answer is 65 years old, and that's solely based on viewpoints: How they view the world and how they think it should go.**

Aman Adate, 30, food truck owner



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# Distress phone line getting more calls

211

## Operators working 24/7



**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

The Distress Centre in Calgary gets more than 35,000 211-calls per year, but expects that number to rise due to the economic slump, according to Jerilyn Dressler, the centre's acting executive director.

The 211 phone service connects Calgarians to many community, government and social services. The Distress Centre specialists who answer 211 are on the line 24 hours a day, seven days a week and they're hoping to raise awareness among citizens of Calgary of the help they can provide.

"We've been seeing an increase in volume due to our



**211 is ready to help Calgarians, who may require assistance with food, shelter and mental health issues.** SCREENSHOT

economic downturn," Dressler said, adding that the centre is seeing more calls related to unemployment and financial issues.

So, the Distress Centre is partnering with the Calgary Police, Calgary Fire Department and 911 to let Calgar-

ians know 211 is always ready to help.

In fact, some looking for help may not know if they should call 211 or 911, Dressler said.

"By calling just one number — 211 — citizens are connected to the right resources

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## We've been seeing an increase in volume due to our economic downturn.

Jerilyn Dressler

that can help," she said.

Richard Hinse, commander of Calgary's 911 centre, said many people call 911 when they're in need of help, even though they don't require emergency police assistance.

"One of Calgary's three emergency services will attend the call, but in many instances the citizen requires more help than can be provided by police, fire or paramedics," he said.

People can also connect with 211 by visiting [www.ab.211.ca](http://www.ab.211.ca) to view a large list of services.

### VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

## Daughter's murder merits inquiry: Mom

The family of an Alberta mother of five who was murdered by a former partner says the government is sympathetic to its call for a public inquiry into her death.

Colleen Sillito-Kruger, 46, was found fatally shot Oct. 2 on her driveway in Fort Saskatchewan, northeast of Edmonton.

Her family said she was a victim of escalating threats and violence and had obtained a peace bond from the RCMP that was violated many times.

Joyce Sillito met Wednesday with Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley to talk about her daughter's death and violence against women in general.

"We were encouraged. We felt they were right on board with us," Sillito said of the meeting.

Shannon Phillips, minister responsible for the status of

women, also attended.

Sillito said her family was advised to write a letter to the chief medical examiner's office to request a fatality inquiry.

Such inquiries are not automatic. They do not assign blame but make recommendations to prevent future deaths.

Sillito said Phillips appears determined to improve how the provincial government works to prevent domestic violence.

"She really wants to see processes reviewed and things in place that will improve the well-being of women in the province," she said. "That is the impression we had."

Ganley said the government needs to look at what it can do better, including reviewing deaths in the context of systemic violence against women.

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Joyce Sillito

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Matt Masters Burgener is using "Send Harper A Message" signs and YouTube to get his message across.

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# Clever ad takes on PM

MATT MASTERS BURGNER

## Pro-NDP video reaches nearly 200,000 views



Jennifer Friesen  
For Metro

After spending only \$305 on a rented camera, NDP candidate Matt Masters Burgener launched

a campaign video challenging Prime Minister Stephen Harper in his own riding.

Within 40 hours, the video has reached almost 200,000 views on Facebook and raised eyebrows across the country.

The ad, titled "Did Matt Masters Burgener just quit?!", shows the Calgary Heritage hopeful tossing a stack of signs reading, "(Canadians) are conservative by nature ... I absolutely refuse to believe ... That

Canada can rise up against him ... By simply voting ... And it's crazy to think ... I can turn things around."

That's exactly what he does.

Playing the video in reverse, the signs read, "I can turn things around ... And it's crazy to think ... By simply voting ... That Canada can rise up against him ... I absolutely refuse to believe ... (Canadians) are conservative by nature."

As a first-time candidate, the

Calgary musician joined the election run on Aug. 22 in the former boundaries of Calgary Southwest, which Harper has held for 13 years.

But now, with the video's attention and more than 300 of his "Send Harper A Message" signs posted in the city — where the public is given a chance to fill out their own campaign signs — Burgener's confident he can paint the blue riding a new shade of orange.

DIVERSIFICATION

## Premier picks panel to improve economy

Premier Rachel Notley has struck a committee to give her ongoing advice on ways to improve and diversify Alberta's oil-based economy.

Notley says the 10-member panel is to meet four times a year to discuss ways to better position the province to compete in the global marketplace.

"The province's future is at stake and questions like these need very practical answers," Notley told reporters Wednesday.

"They will advise us on identifying, promoting and developing a means of growth beyond energy, because the consequences of relying too much on just oil have become painfully clear."

Standing beside Notley was Joseph Doucet, the head of the new premier's advisory committee on the economy. Doucet is dean of the School of Business at the University of Alberta.

Other members are leaders from business, labour and post-secondary institutions.

The vice chairs are Steve Williams, president and CEO at Suncor Energy, and Siobhan Vipond, secretary-treasurer



Alberta Premier Rachel Notley THE CANADIAN PRESS

of the Alberta Federation of Labour.

They will not be paid, but will be reimbursed for travel expenses.

Notley's government has already struck a panel to review oil royalties as it grapples with low oil prices that have put the province's books deep in the red ink.

Alberta expects to run a \$6 billion deficit this fiscal year.

Diversifying the economy has been discussed and promised by previous Alberta governments for many years.

Doucet said all jurisdictions struggle with diversification because it has so many moving parts. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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#### Head-on collision sends two people to hospital

The Calgary Fire Department responded to a serious motor vehicle collision at Glenmore Trail and 69th Street SW around 2:10 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon.

A cube van and a sport utility vehicle collided head-on. Two occupants from the SUV were extricated by firefighters and

transported to hospital by AHS. There was no word on the extent of their injuries.

Glenmore Trail was closed in both directions, causing serious delays around Signal Hill, Sarcee Trail and Richmond Road.

Members of the Calgary Police Service were on scene investigating the cause of the collision.

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# MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

Metro gets the basics from the riding's candidates, the elevator pitch of their party's platforms and why they should be your representative in Ottawa.

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## CALGARY-SIGNAL HILL

**1 Khalis Ahmed**  
**Party:** NDP  
**Age:** 43  
**Occupation:** Senior Petroleum Geologist



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### Elevator Pitch:

I believe Canada can and will be the energy leader of the world — our Alberta economy and the energy industry is not specific to one political party.

We are in this together, so we all need to support and benefit from Alberta's industry regardless of oil prices. I have noticed in the past few years as I have spent time volunteering in the community, that not everyone is benefiting from the Alberta advantage. In fact, many households in Signal Hill riding are living in poverty, unable to afford the basic necessities.

I have spent the last few months meeting with seniors, students, professionals, First Nations groups and families, and I believe the NDP offers the best government for all Canadians.

**2 Kerry Cundal**  
**Party:** Liberal  
**Age:** 41  
**Occupation:** Lawyer/Adjudicator



CONTRIBUTED

### Elevator Pitch:

Kerry Cundal is a passionate community leader, lawyer and mother.

She has lived in the Calgary-Signal Hill riding for over 10 years with her husband and two children.

Kerry has volunteered with local and international not-for-profits, including United Way, Calgary Reads and Calgary Immigrant Women's Association.

As the former owner of a successful business, Kerry is a supporter of entrepreneurship and has a keen understanding of fiscal responsibility.

Kerry believes strongly that government must be accountable and transparent, and she is committed to supporting policies that are in the best interests of the families and businesses of Calgary-Signal Hill.

**3 Taryn Knorren**  
**Party:** Green Party  
**Age:** 22  
**Occupation:** Marketing Director & Student



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### Elevator Pitch:

I am running because I believe Canada has the potential to be a leader in the world. A leader in economic diversity and stability, environmental protection and growth, and social and democratic reform.

I believe in proportional representation, diversifying the economy to include clean energy, investing in our future and electing Members of Parliament that are honest, ethical and hard-working.

I know my background in interdisciplinary leadership will allow me to facilitate discussion of new ideas and innovative thinking amongst the experts who make up the Signal Hill riding. My goal is to bring smart, diverse decisions back to the House of Commons.

**4 Ron Liepert**  
**Party:** Conservative  
**Age:** 65  
**Occupation:** Consultant



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### Elevator Pitch:

On Oct. 19, I ask for your support to ensure that Canada continues to be governed with the prudent leadership we need to continue to grow our fragile economy.

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## TRANSPORTATION

## In Edmonton, blues bus is a happy bus



**Andrea Ross**  
Metro | Edmonton

Maedeh Marefat had a ride to remember on a city bus earlier this month.

The University of Alberta student was waiting on a Route 7 bus sitting at University Transit Centre in Edmonton on Oct. 7 when its driver, Ken Foster, asked all his passengers to stand

up and introduce themselves to one another.

Foster then turned on his bus's microphone and, as he pulled the vehicle away from the curb, began singing blues legend Robert Cray's Nothin' But A Woman.

"That made everyone laugh, it made a lot of people on the bus happy," Marefat said.

"I really like the guy."

Foster became a bus driver almost 20 years ago, and said he specifically wanted to drive the

Route 7 bus because the route's former driver used to stop his bus in front of Foster's home and play Frisbee with his dog.

He felt the driver made the route personable and fun, and it's that vibe he's trying to replicate with his blues singing.

Foster is a big blues fan and started singing to passengers when he drove a shuttle bus to and from the Edmonton Folk Music Festival three years ago.

The tradition stuck — you can now hear him sing the

blues on his bus every Tuesday afternoon.

"I want people to walk away feeling like they had a good experience," Foster said. "I know most of the passengers by name, they all know me, I know where they get on and off. I try to be as helpful as I can."

Foster said his singing has been well received by passengers, some of whom will often wait longer at the bus stop for him. Some will even join in on the fun.



From left: Darcy and Frank Turning Robe beat drums to open a panel discussion regarding what Calgarians are doing to end poverty. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

## Share info, outreach worker says

## ARTBOX

### Calgarians discuss what they're doing to end poverty



**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

According to Randy Pages, good luck trying to end poverty.

But, he said if there's one way to help end it, it's to educate people about those who've lived and continue to live in dire situations.

On Wednesday at artBox on 17E, Pages was among four panelists speaking about what they're doing to reduce poverty in Calgary.

"Without education, people won't take action," he said. "Ending poverty is a long, hard

road. But one of the main things we can do to deal with it is share information."

Pages — an outreach worker who was once homeless — said it's important to break the stigma associated with homeless people and provide more support networks for them to use.

The panelists also discussed

how Calgary's First Nations people are more likely to experience poverty and racism, even though they make up a small portion of the city's population.

Roy Bear Chief, an aboriginal consultant with Vibrant Communities Calgary, said the residential school system has set the stage for what many indigenous peoples experience today.

Bear Chief — who went to a residential school — said he was essentially stripped of his identity.

"I don't want any other child to experience what I experienced," he said, adding businesses and people need to get over racism and discrimination.



**Ending poverty is a long, hard road. But one of the main things we can do to deal with it is share information**

Randy Pages

He said his employees volunteer their time to help organizations that help those in poverty.

"Employees need to see and realize these issues exist and help the community," he said. "We can still make profits, but giving that time is more important than signing a cheque."

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# OILSANDS MONEY SAVER?



Cal Broder thinks he's got an answer to one of the oilsands' biggest questions. Let's not lighten the bitumen — let's make it a solid. CHRIS WEDMAN/FOR ALBERTA OIL MAGAZINE

At the time, it probably didn't seem like a particularly controversial statement. In an interview printed in the Newark Advocate on April 26, 1902, the eminent Scottish engineer and physicist Lord Kelvin was categorical in his rejection of the possibility of commercial air flight.

Kelvin knew what he was talking about, too — or, at least, everyone else thought he did. According to Garrett Serviss, an American astronomer and one of the period's most prolific science writers,

"There is no man of science now living whose pronouncement on almost any scientific question would have equal weight with that of Lord Kelvin."

And yet, it took a pair of bicycle mechanics from Ohio less than two years to prove Kelvin wrong. The example of the Wright Brothers is one that Cal Broder turns to fairly often — and it's no wonder, given the obvious parallels between their story and his own. Broder, after

all, also has a fairly unassuming background, with a business degree from NAIT and a history as an entrepreneur who's done everything from running a public accounting practice to selling degreasers and specialty chemicals to customers in the oil sands.

His isn't the kind of resumé that you'd expect to produce a potentially game-changing innovation, and yet that's exactly what he says he's done.

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Broder has spent the last seven years trying to solve that puzzle, and he's convinced that he's done it. Where the industry has been mostly focused on turning the heavy crude into a lighter prod-

uct, Broder's process goes in the exact opposite direction.

"When everyone was looking at trying to make it lighter — upgrade it, refine it, dilute it and get it out of the province — we looked at the tendency of it wanting to go heavy and thick and viscous."

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Better still, his units don't produce any greenhouse gas emissions. "We don't release anything in our process. We receive the energy in the way of electricity, and that's created wherever the plant is, but on our facility there will be no releasing of greenhouse gases. Everything is collected."

Now for the multimillion-dollar — or, according to Broder, billion-dollar — question: Is BitCrude for real? It's impossible to say without examining the process that Broder's developed, and he's not going to let that happen without a comprehensive non-disclosure agreement

— something that's made it more difficult to convince people that he's on to something. But Leo de Bever, the former CEO of AIMCo, says he's "90 per cent convinced" that Broder's idea is a big one — and that the cost of finding out is worth the expense.

The real challenge that Broder faces, de Bever says, is getting the industry to give him a fair shake.

"The big obstacle in all of this is [people] not wanting to be associated with a technological failure — the embarrassment risk. But I am past that. Either you try and make a difference or you get out of the way," said Broder.

Still, Broder understands that people like de Bever are still few and far between in the energy sector.

"Everybody's talking innovation, but the last ones that want to use it are the large organizations — and especially the ones in oil and gas," he says. "They're afraid of it, I think — they don't want to disrupt anything."

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he can produce a solid product — he calls it BitCrude — that addresses virtually all of the industry's biggest environmental and operational concerns. Its form has obvious benefits when it comes to getting the product to market, given that it theoretically obviates the need for additional pipeline capacity and because it mitigates

most favorable rates out there. If I put it on a ship, there isn't a tanker in the world that can compete on rates."

The refining units themselves, meanwhile, have a certain Ikea-like quality to them — low cost, easily scalable and totally interchangeable.

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## HOSTILE OFFER

# Canadian Oil Sands shareholders say no

For months, the oil and gas industry had been waiting for a big transaction to emerge. In early October, they got it.

After months of dealing behind closed doors, Suncor made a hostile offer to the shareholders of Canadian Oil Sands that would see its 37 per cent stake in the Syncrude partnership — one that it already shares with Suncor — exchanged for \$4.3 billion worth of Suncor shares.

**This inappropriate defensive tactic limits the ability of (Canadian Oil Sands) shareholders to decide.**

Steve Williams, Suncor CEO

But the board of directors at Canadian Oil Sands quickly made it clear they weren't about to go out without a fight, announcing the adoption of a shareholder rights plan that is,

according to the company, "designed to ensure that Canadian Oil Sands' Shareholders and the Board have adequate time to consider and evaluate Suncor's offer and any other un-

solicited take-over bid or other strategic alternatives."

Not surprisingly, Suncor CEO Steve Williams expressed frustration at the news. "We're disappointed but not surprised by COS board's decision to adopt a new board approved shareholder rights plan in the face of our offer," he said in a statement. "This inappropriate defensive tactic limits the ability of COS shareholders to decide."

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Suncor took a run at Canadian Oil Sands, but analysts don't think too many such offers are in works. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Suncor bid one of few in industry

## ACQUISITIONS

### Most oilpatch companies not ready to make big offers

Just because oilsands giant Suncor Energy is aiming to gobble up one of its smaller peers doesn't mean others in the oilpatch are eager to do the same just yet, industry players told an energy conference Wednesday. The pace of mergers and acquisitions in the industry is expected to be relatively limited for the time being, said Drew Ross, managing director of Scotia Waterous, the arm of Scotiabank that focuses on oil and gas deals.

"I can't see it as broad-spread, unfortunately, as I would like," he said, noting would-be buyers are hesitant to take out their weaker counterparts because of what it could mean for their debt levels.

Calgary-based Suncor (TSX:SU) launched a hostile bid for Canadian Oil Sands Ltd. (TSX:COS) last week worth \$6.6 billion when the target company's debt is factored in. The move follows two failed attempts at inking a friendly deal with the COS board and management in March and April.

Suncor's effort to consolidate its position as Canada's dominant oilsands name comes as oil continues to hover below US\$50 a barrel, less than half of what it was in mid-2014. Canadian Oil Sands is the biggest owner of the Syncrude Canada mine north of Fort McMurray, Alta., which is next door to Suncor's turf.

Bill Marko, managing director at global investment banking firm Jeffries LLC, agrees mergers and acquisitions activity

is expected to be "tempered."

The deals that do come to fruition will be for very specific reasons — to refocus a company, like Encana Corp. (TSX:ECA) has done in recent years by bulk-ing up its Texas oil holdings, or to achieve cost savings where there's overlap between the buyer and target.

Marko said potential buyers need to keep in mind: "If you buy it, you have to run it."

Some companies just have so much of their own oil and gas to develop that they have to consider whether it's worthwhile to take on someone else's inventory.

"I've kind of got to finish my plate of food here before I go get a second helping."

So far this year, "deal flow" is at about a third of what it would be during a normal year in the U.S. and Canada — \$25 billion versus \$75 billion, said Marko.

"Volatility is terrible for deal flow because people just think 'hey, I don't want to be the dummy that bought on the wrong side of the curve, sold on the wrong side of the curve,'" he said.

"We need capitulation, which means sellers have to say 'I'm throwing in the towel. I'll sell at US\$45 oil.'"

Grant Fagerheim, CEO of Whitecap Resources Inc. (TSX:WCP), said once some of the uncertainty shakes out — from the outcome of the federal election to determinations on how much banks are willing to lend — things may loosen up, he said.

But Fagerheim said deals around individual properties — rather than outright sales of whole companies — are likely to be the norm.

"I think you will see it. I just think it's going to be a little ways out yet." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Alberta weighs in on climate change

## ENVIRONMENT

### Panel drafting new policy seeks input

Alberta's climate change advisory panel asked — and energy companies, trade associations, unions, think tanks and everyday Albertans answered.

The panel received close

to 500 submissions following their request for public comment on what the government should consider when drafting its climate change policy.

Those advocating for a carbon price have allies in some oilsands companies, with Cenovus Energy, Shell, and Suncor among those supporting a widespread tax on carbon.

Other oilsands players like

Nexen and Husky Energy instead expressed support for a continuation of the current specified gas emitter regulations, with Husky saying Alberta shouldn't impose any more penalties until its competitors adopt an equivalent price on carbon.

As to phasing out coal-fired power plants, power generators TransAlta, Atco Ltd., and Maxim Power Corp. have

recommended that coal emissions be cut by 20 per cent immediately and then their reduction obligations should be considered met.

The gap in energy generation would be filled by natural gas, and eventually replaced with renewables with a goal of 15 per cent of electricity from renewables by 2020 and rising from there.

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Cenovus Energy backs a tax on carbon. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## ENERGY

### Oilsands called 'a golden opportunity'

Alberta Oil Magazine sat down with Alberta's energy minister, Marg McCuaig-Boyd:

**Not surprisingly, perhaps, many people within the industry were uncertain about the future of energy in the province following the election of an NDP majority government. How would you characterize your relations with the industry now?**

From day one they were very welcoming as far as they're willing to work with us. Sure, many did express concern about change. Any time you've got 40-plus years of one way of doing things, any change is hard — and harder for some than others. But they've been very cooperative and they like the fact that we're engaging their opinions and being open and honest with them as we move forward.

**Your government came to power after promising to scrap the two carbon capture and storage projects that the previous government had announced funding for. Your government has now gone back on that pledge and instead will fund the two CCS ventures.**

We got more information and then made the decision to honour those two contracts because they were already well into the process and the work was being done. Time would have been lost and it wouldn't have been good for Albertans.

**Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall recently accused the Alberta NDP government of not being bullish enough on pipelines. He accused Alberta of handing veto power over inter-provincial pipelines to**



Marg McCuaig-Boyd.  
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

**provinces like Quebec and Ontario.**

He's incorrect. We have stood up very well for our industry and our pipelines ... we absolutely stand up for long-term stability and for pipelines.

**Let's touch on the royalty review. Many people in the industry say that now is not the time to be doing a review, given the uncertainty it brings at a time when the industry is already under pressure from low commodity prices.**

We certainly campaigned (with the promise) that we were going to do it. And we got elected fairly soundly by Albertans so we're going to do it.

**In your opinion, is the oilsands more of an opportunity or a liability for the province?**

I think it's a golden opportunity. Maybe we need to polish up our image a bit in the world, but we're doing that.

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# READY TO ENGAGE

Metro's daily primer on what the parties are saying about the issues that matter to urban Canadians



Zunera Ishaq is seen after the Federal Court of Appeal heard her case on whether she could wear a niqab while taking her citizenship oath. By characterizing the niqab issue as a matter of aberrant or extreme behaviour, Stephen Harper struck a chord with an "extreme-o-phobic" Canadian public, Rosemary Westwood argues. PATRICK DOYLE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Canada's cult of moderation



**ROSEMARY WESTWOOD**  
Metro

"Everything in moderation," my grandmother used to say.

My dad says it now, often, reminding me it was his mother's phrase. Perhaps she inherited it, too. It feels so true, I've never questioned it. I doubt either of them did.

It's also a very Canadian thing to say: middle of the road, balanced, offending no one, committing to nothing.

It's the kind idea that underlies our temperament, as Canadians. Our boringness is our strongest asset, we tell ourselves. Our rejection of the extremes means we never stray too far into action, lest it be the wrong kind.

There is no greater Canadian value. It's why we can't get enough of American politics, while feeling smug that we're nowhere near as crazy.

Among other things, the fact that the NDP hasn't governed a country before has played into their sliding poll numbers. People have told me they're not sure what an NDP government would look like. Better to vote for what you know,

than take a chance on what you don't. Moderate change, but not too much.

We approve of immigration, but we don't want anyone too hardline in their beliefs. We value our health care, but we don't really want to talk about all the holes in our system and how un-universal it really is. We care about climate change, but we'd never vote Naomi Klein into office; her ideas are fine in a book — unthinkable on Parliament Hill.

Even our villains, if that's how you see Stephen Harper, are subtler than many. Harper is nowhere near the calibre of a Donald Trump zealot, which isn't to say I don't disagree with many of his policies, but is to say they fall on us with a much lighter touch. In fact,

his careful rightward steering is a perfect picture of moderately plodding your ideological path — so as not to wake the nation.

We may say we've woken, with a kind of anti-Harperism that isn't very Canadian, which is to say, isn't very measured.

The "anyone but Conservative" memes populating my Facebook feed, the high-pitched pleas to "heave Steve!" con-

demn him as un-Canadian, worse than Agent Smith of the Matrix, worse than Scar from the Lion King. Worse than Voldemort.

It's nice to see emotions run high, in a country where they mostly seem to make us uncomfortable. But we have been wrong to blame him for letting a bit of clothing carry the

campaign away.

It's moderation we have to thank for an explosive debate on so-called "Canadian values."

Moderation birthed the niqab madness, not, as so many have been bemoaning, xenophobia. Sure, we have our share of bigotry (Harper himself might have some), but eight in 10 Canadians aren't xenophobic, they're extreme-o-phobic. Harper succeeded in turning the niqab into a week's worth of headlines by framing it not around immigration, but extremism.

I, like you, have been watching the polls. I, like you, have been wondering why a need to define ourselves — what we are — has so dominated this election. It's as if we really hoped a new leader would come along and answer the question, because we do not know.

But Canadians are many things.

We are right, and we are left, and we are so-called old stock, and so-called new, and "we" really only refers to people living in this country, who agree that democracy is good, if we agree on nothing else.

Except, of course, moderation.

### 2015 ELECTION COUNTDOWN

Rosie Westwood reflects on the key issues.

- TUES. Women
- WED. Environment
- THURS. Canadian values
- FRI. Youth engagement

**Moderation birthed the niqab madness, not ... xenophobia. Sure, we have our share of bigotry ... but eight in 10 Canadians aren't xenophobic, they're extreme-o-phobic.**

## QUICK GUIDE

### SECURITY & CITIZENSHIP

Here's a breakdown of promises and legislative measures from the **NDP**, **Liberals**, **Conservatives** and **Greens**

#### ON BILL C-51

##### Conservatives:

- Passed the bill, which outlaws promoting terrorism; gives CSIS new powers; makes it easier to arrest terror suspects; allows 100 agencies to exchange Canadians' confidential information.

##### Liberals:

- Promised to amend the bill by limiting to 17 the agencies empowered to exchange confidential info; eliminating CSIS's new powers; adding "sunset clause" on aspects.

##### NDP:

- Promised to repeal the bill in its entirety.

##### Greens:

- Promised to repeal the bill in its entirety.

#### ON BILL C-24

##### Conservatives:

- Passed the bill, which allows the federal government to strip Canadian citizenship from dual citizens convicted of terrorist offences.

##### Liberals:

- Promised to repeal the bill.

##### NDP:

- Promised to repeal the bill.

##### Greens:

- Promised to repeal the bill.

**LATEST POLL**

**LIB 36% CON 31% NDP 21%**

Source: EKOS/iPolitics

# Trudeau: Give us a majority

ELECTION 2015

## Liberals look to do what they haven't since Chrétien days

Justin Trudeau is asking Canadians to give his Liberals something they haven't had a taste of in a while: a majority mandate.

The Liberal leader made the comment Wednesday as polls suggest his party has been enjoying some late-campaign momentum and as the scrutiny of Trudeau intensifies in the leadup to Monday's vote.

"I know that Canadians will make the right decision," Trudeau said at Mohawk College when asked about a majority.

"Am I asking Canadians to vote for us? Yes. Am I asking them to vote for us across the country? Yes. Am I asking them for a majority government? Yes."

Several news outlets quickly reported Trudeau's comment, which prompted one of his staffers to point out that his main rivals have also asked for majority governments during the



Justin Trudeau's campaign has been focused on targeting ridings won by both Conservatives and New Democrats in 2011. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

campaign.

The party sent emails to reporters filled with quotes from both Conservative Leader Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair asking voters for majorities.

Trudeau has indicated in the past that a Liberal minority wouldn't do, because Canadians want a strong, stable government with MPs from across

the country.

A party must capture at least 170 seats to hold a bare majority in the House of Commons, which will have 338 seats in the next Parliament. The Liberals held just 36 seats at dissolution.

The last time the Liberals won a majority was in the 2000 election, when they were led by Jean Chrétien.

Trudeau was also asked Wednesday

how he would stay in power if he wins a minority mandate and whether he would be prepared to work with Mulcair if the Tories earn a minority.

One of the great things about elections is that Canadians get to choose what their government is and what their Parliament will look like, he responded.

"What Canadians don't want is politicians organizing back-

## WHERE THE LEADERS ARE THURSDAY



• **Stephen Harper** will be in Trois-Rivières, Que.

• **Justin Trudeau** will be in Quebec in Montreal, Laval and Sainte-Thérèse.

• **Tom Mulcair** will be in Quebec in Alma, Cookshire-Eaton and Sherbrooke.

• **Elizabeth May** will be in Guelph, Ont.

**I know that Canadians will make the right decision.**

Justin Trudeau

room deals around who actually gets to wield power," Trudeau said.

"I trust Canadians. I know that Canadians are going to make a real and strong choice on Oct. 19."

In recent days, the Liberal campaign has been focused on

targeting ridings won by both Conservatives and New Democrats in the 2011 election.

On Wednesday, Trudeau's tour blitzed the Niagara Peninsula and the Toronto suburbs with whistle-stop events as part of a push one of his staffers described as being "on offence."

At each stop, the Liberal leader is greeted by hundreds of boisterous supporters.

At times, partisans have jostled — sometimes aggressively — in packed restaurants, bakeries and bars just for a chance to get a selfie with Trudeau, his autograph or even a handshake.

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## ELECTION 2015

# Federal parties graded on climate change

Only the NDP and Green Parties have promised to put a price on carbon and have set long-term emissions targets, according to the David Suzuki Foundation.

The environmental organization releases its 2015 party platform cheat sheet on Thursday, which shows every national party stands on 20 climate change issues ahead of Monday's big election.

According to the guide, only

the Liberals have not committed to any specific emission reduction targets (the Conservatives want to lower emissions 14.4 per cent by 2030, while the NDP and Green have set a 2050 target of 80 per cent).

In addition to their long-term targets and carbon pricing schemes, the Greens and NDP are the only parties to commit to protecting the right to live in a healthy environment in law.

The Liberals and Conserva-

tives have no plans to put a national price on carbon.

The Conservatives are the only party to support all major proposed energy projects: Keystone XL (which the Liberals also support), Energy East and Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline (NDP and Liberals have taken no official stance on either) and Northern Gateway (all other parties are opposed).

Every party except for the

Conservatives has also promised to end fossil fuel subsidies, ban oil tankers on B.C.'s coast, and establish a Parliamentary science officer.

Meanwhile, a poll by Environics Institute in collaboration with the David Suzuki Foundation found 61 per cent of Canadians feel the country should sign on to an agreement with other nations to reduce carbon emissions and climate change.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER



**All four national parties plan to spend "pocket change" on people under the age of 45 when compared to spending on seniors, a new study finds.** CONTRIBUTED

# Generation is shunned

## ELECTION 2015

## Major parties offer a pittance to nation's young adults



**Matt Kieltyka**  
Metro | Vancouver

All four major federal parties are throwing mere "pocket change" at young voters, according to a new Generation Squeeze report comparing election platforms.

Despite the fact seniors will make up just 18 per cent of Canada's population in 2019, the Conservatives, Liberals, NDP and Greens have all pledged to boost between \$18 to \$20 billion in new funding for items like Old Age Security, income supplements, benefits, seniors care and health-care transfers to provinces.

Meanwhile, the Conservatives have pledged just 18 cents on issues that affect young adults for every dollar they spend on seniors.

The NDP's platform increases

that to 27 cents for every dollar that goes to seniors, 28 under the Liberals and 34 cents from the Greens.

And that's at a time when adults under the age of 45 make up 55 per cent of the population, face higher unemployment rates, mounting debt and — for the first time — a deteriorating standard of living.

Generation Squeeze founder Dr. Paul Kershaw, of the University of British Columbia's School of Population & Public Health, believes the funding gap between generations stems from society's ongoing efforts to improve senior care and poverty since the '70s and the lack of political engagement by youth. "Young Canadians are just simply less involved in the political world," said Kershaw.

Generation Squeeze recommends government spend an additional \$1,000 for every person under the age of 45.

Currently, the government spends \$20,868 on average for each of the 5.8 million Canadians aged 65 and up, compared to \$4,349 each for the 20.1 million people under age 45, according to the report.

**\$20,685**

**What the government spends on average for every one of the 5.8 million Canadians aged 65 and older compared to a relatively paltry \$4,349 for those under age 45.**

SOURCE: GENERATION SQUEEZE

## IN BRIEF

### Sewage plans backing up

The federal government is "irresponsible and negligent" to have ordered a halt to Montreal's plans to begin construction work that would see eight billion litres of raw sewage dumped into the St. Lawrence River, Mayor Denis Coderre said Wednesday.

Coderre said Ottawa's decision "makes no sense" and puts the city's water-treatment infrastructure in jeopardy. Infrastructure Minister Denis Lebel made the announcement earlier on Wednesday on behalf of Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq.

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# Child migrants aided

GERMANY

## 'Welcome classes' set up for kids in huge wave of refugees

Fadi and Fadiya started school in Berlin last month not knowing a word of German.

The 9-year-old twins from Syria are among nearly 400,000 children among a wave of up to 1 million migrants and refugees expected in Germany this year alone.

All around the country, schools have added extra teachers and "welcome classes" to teach kids like Fadi and Fadiya the basics of German before they are integrated into regular classrooms about six to eight months later.

As a new school year began last month, Berlin's schools saw non-German speaking children jump by 70 per cent. There are now 478 welcome classes in the capital alone for roughly 5,000 children.

Fadi and his sister Fadiya were among 20 new arrivals from 11 countries in the wel-



The word "Willkommensklasse" (Welcome Class) is displayed at an elementary school in Berlin last week. MARKUS SCHREIBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

come class offered by an elementary school.

The children ages 6 to 12 came from Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Libya, Bosnia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Korea, Ghana and the U.S.

Not all were refugees. Some, for example, were children of parents who had relocated to

Germany for work.

"Some of those kids have never seen a school from the inside because they spent years hiding in basements from bombs," said principal Irina Wissmann.

"But we're trying to get them used to our routines as quickly as possible — it's the best

thing that can happen to them right now."

Many of the children present special challenges.

"We had one child who would hide under the desk during the lesson and scream in panic, scaring off all the other kids as well," Wissmann said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHINA

## Ancient teeth shed light on man's roots

Dozens of fossil human teeth from a cave in China show that people lived in southern Asia more than 80,000 years ago, researchers report.

Before this, the earliest well-dated fossils firmly linked to our species in southern Asia were only around 45,000 years old.

Our species, *Homo sapiens*, is thought to have appeared in Africa around 200,000 years ago and later spread to other continents. The details of that dispersal are still murky.

The discovery in China's Hunan province argues against a theory that the first wave reached southern Asia only about 60,000 years ago.

The finding may mean that people arrived in multiple waves, said Maria Martinon-Torres of University College London, a study author.

She and authors from China and elsewhere reported the discovery of 47 teeth in the journal *Nature* on Wednesday.

They could not date the teeth directly, but analysis of nearby mineral samples and animal fossils indicated the teeth are somewhere between 80,000 and 120,000 years old.



Human lower teeth found in the Fuyan Cave southern China. S. XING/NATURE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The finding raises the question of why our species didn't enter Europe until only about 40,000 to 45,000 years ago. Maybe Neanderthals crowded them out, basically out-competing them as hunter-gatherers until their populations started to fade, the researchers suggest.

In a journal commentary, Robin Dennell of the University of Exeter in England suggests that cold winters might be a better explanation.

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MIDDLE EAST

## Israeli troops to counter attacks

The Israeli military began deploying hundreds of troops in cities across the country on Wednesday to assist police forces in countering a wave of deadly Palestinian shooting and stabbing attacks that have created panic.

The military's planned deployment of six companies marks the first implementation of measures by Israel's security cabinet to counter the attacks that have intensified dramatically in recent days.

Many of the recent attackers

have come from Arab areas of Jerusalem, prompting calls to seal off those neighbourhoods. In a new step, Israeli forces placed makeshift checkpoints in Palestinian neighbourhoods in Jerusalem.

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CALIFORNIA

## Trio charged in two slayings

Three transients appeared in court Wednesday charged with killing and robbing a Canadian backpacker and a yoga instructor days apart in California.

Morrison Haze Lampley, 23, Sean Michael Angold, 24, and Lila Scott Alligood, 18, did not

enter pleas. They were arrested in Portland, Ore., last week.

Lampley, accused of pulling the trigger of a stolen gun in both killings, yawned frequently as the trio was assigned court-appointed attorneys.

The three are charged with

shooting backpacker Audrey Carey, 23, from Quebec, in the head. Her body was found Oct. 3 in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, where officials believed she had camped during a three-day music festival.

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## ETHIOPIA

## Nation cries for aid as rains ruin crops

Ethiopia's government is calling for international assistance to help feed 8.2 million people after erratic rains devastated crop yields.

Climate shocks are common in Ethiopia and often cause poor or failed harvests that lead to acute food shortages.

The government has allocated \$192 million for food and other aid and is appealing for \$596 million in assistance from the international community

for the remainder of 2015, said Mitiku Kassa, secretary of the Ethiopian Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Committee.

More than 300,000 children are in need of specialized nutritious food and a projected 48,000 more children under five are suffering from severe malnutrition, according to a government assessment conducted in September.

The situation is "incredibly serious," said John Aylieff, an

official in Ethiopia with the UN's World Food Program, who said Ethiopia needs the international community to help remedy the worst effects of El Nino conditions.

The conflict in South Sudan is also exacerbating the food-insecurity situation, said Dennis Weller, the USAID mission director in Ethiopia. Since the outbreak of violence in South Sudan in mid-December 2013, hundreds of thousands

of South Sudanese refugees have fled to Ethiopia and are living alongside local communities.

"We are seeing malnutrition rates go up in some of the host communities. We are looking at ways of reducing the stress levels to the host communities in Ethiopia by providing supplementary feeding that could bring the malnutrition levels down," he said.

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A lion guard, wearing a lion-like mask, demonstrates how he scares off lions using a plastic horn at a training session in Hwange last month. NGIRAYI MUKWAZHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Lion guards on prowl

## ZIMBABWE

### Horn-wielding warriors help prevent attacks by roaming cats

Standing six metres from a lion, Charles Tshuma was armed with just a plastic horn. He and some neighbours blew the vuvuzelas to frighten away the lion, but the big cat did not budge.

They kept blowing their horns and shouting until the lion turned away and ambled back into Hwange National Park.

It's not always so easy, said Tshuma.

"Sometimes people in the village do not want to join in to chase away the lions, choosing instead to lock themselves indoors," he said.

That is the life of Zimbabwe's lion guards, brave community members selected and trained to prevent attacks on humans and cattle by big cats who stray from the unfenced Hwange park, which sprawls over 14,500 square kilometres in western Zimbabwe.

The killing of Cecil the lion by an American hunter near

Hwange park in July caused international outrage. But the biggest threat to Hwange's more than 500 lions is conflict with surrounding cattle farmers, say researchers.

Oxford University's Lions Research Project has tracked and studied over 30 lion prides in its 15 years here. Seeing many attacks by lions wandering out of the park, the researchers in 2007 launched the Long Shields program to reduce lion-human conflicts.

Since then, there has been a 40 per cent decline in those conflicts, according to Brent Stappelpkamp, a researcher with the Oxford project. Many of Hwange's lions have collars with satellite tracking devices so the researchers can inform surrounding villages when and where lions have left the park.

Equipped with mountain bikes, mobile phones and a GPS tracker, the guards go to the area to turn back the straying lions. People then gather, carrying whips and sticks and some wearing lion-like masks. They play drums and clap wooden blocks together to scare away the lions.

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The unfenced Hwange park, sprawls over 14,500 square kilometres.

### UNITED KINGDOM

#### Condition of Ebola nurse worsening, hospital says

London's Royal Free Hospital says the condition of a nurse being treated for complications resulting from Ebola has worsened. The hospital said in a statement Wednesday that Pauline Cafferkey

is now critically ill after her condition deteriorated.

Cafferkey was treated for Ebola after returning from Sierra Leone last year. She was released from the hospital in January but she suffered a relapse last week.

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# EU unhappy with David Cameron

## POLITICS

### Leaders say PM hasn't laid out proposed changes

European Union leaders say they are increasingly frustrated that British Prime Minister David Cameron has not made concrete proposals on reform of the bloc despite all Britain's talk of possibly leaving unless there is fundamental change.

On the eve of a summit of EU leaders where the issue is expected to be only lightly touched upon, EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker told the EU Parliament Wednesday that "I can't say that huge progress has been achieved."

Juncker insisted he wants Britain to remain in the EU but added that "to tango, it takes two. So we have to

dance, and our British friends have to dance."

Cameron set out in May to change the way the EU is run and wants to cut the EU's political powers over member states.

He plans to hold a national vote before the end of 2017 on whether Britain should leave the EU — a possibility that has come to be known as a Brexit.

Ahead of Thursday's summit, Cameron and Juncker will have lunch together as part of a grand tour by the British leader to European capitals to feel out what reforms could be put on the table.

The EU institutions and several member states want to forge ahead and are eagerly awaiting for Britain comes up with its demands, so it is clear to everyone where any reform should be, said one diplomat from an EU nation, who spoke on condition of



**To tango, it takes two. So we have to dance, and our British friends have to dance.**

EU Commission President  
Jean-Claude Juncker

anonymity because talks were set for Thursday.

Britain wants to touch on fundamental social and financial legislation and agreements between member states and make sure nations regain more autonomous decision-making at the expense of EU institutions.

After the summit, Cameron is expected to continue bilateral meetings with fellow leaders to have a firm discussion on the future of the bloc at the December EU summit.

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David Cameron listens to Jean-Claude Juncker in Brussels. Cameron says he would like to reduce the political powers the EU has over member states. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

## ANIMALS

### Meerkat expert fined for monkey handler assault

A former meerkat expert at London Zoo has been ordered to pay compensation to a monkey handler she attacked with a wine glass in a love spat over a llama-keeper.

A judge at Westminster Magistrates' Court said Wednesday that Caroline Westlake must pay U.S. \$1,235 to Kate Sanders for assaulting her in a dispute over colleague Adam Davies, who had dated both women.

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### Dozens more elephants killed in Zimbabwe

Rangers in Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park have discovered the carcasses of 26 elephants at two locations, dead of cyanide poisoning, along with 14 other elephants who were found last week, officials said Wednesday.

Patrolling rangers discovered the carcasses Tuesday, according to Bhejani Trust and the National Parks and Wildlife Management Authority.

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# Iran moving troops: Official

SYRIA

## Russian cover allows Assad supporters in, sources say

Iran has sent hundreds of troops into northern and central Syria in the first such open deployment in the country's civil war, joining fighters from its Lebanese ally Hezbollah in an offensive against rebels and taking advantage of cover from Russia's air campaign, a regional official and Syrian activists said Wednesday.

Their arrival is almost certain to fuel the civil war in Syria, which has already claimed the lives of more than 250,000 people and displaced half of the country's population. It also highlights the far-reaching goals of Russia's military involvement in Syria.

Russia began carrying out airstrikes in Syria on Sept. 30, and Syrian troops and allied militiamen began a ground offensive against rebels in central Syria a week later. Russia says its airstrikes are meant to weaken the Islamic State group (ISIL) and other terrorists in Syria, but Western officials and Syrian rebels say



**A Lebanese boy holds a placard depicting Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavrov that reads, "Assad or we burn the country," during a sit-in in front the Russian embassy, in Beirut, Lebanon, Wednesday.** HUSSEIN MALLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

most the strikes have focused on areas in central and northern Syria where the extremist group does not have a strong presence.

The arrival of Iranian troops fighting under the cover of Russian air power further strength-

ens the view that Russia's main goal is to shore up Syrian President Bashar Assad's embattled government.

"Sending more troops from Hezbollah, and Iran only increases the shelf life of the Syrian re-

gime, which is destined to end," Maj. Jamil Saleh, the leader of Tajammu Alezzah, a CIA-backed Free Syrian Army faction, said. "It will only add more destruction and displacement."

He said their presence on the

**Sending more troops from Hezbollah, and Iran only increases the shelf life of the Syrian regime.**

Maj. Jamil Saleh

ground is not new, but was kept quiet. "Now they are taking cover behind Russia since it is a super-power and strengthens their position," Alezzah said.

The official, who has deep knowledge of operational details in Syria, said the Iranian fighters — currently numbering around 1,500 — began arriving in Syria about two weeks ago, after the Russian airstrikes began, and have accelerated in recent days. The Iranian-backed Hezbollah group has also sent a fresh wave of fighters to Syria, he said.

He said the Iranian fighters were arriving at Damascus airport and transported to a military base in the coastal town of Latakia from where they were deploying on the ground.

He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss military affairs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Russia appeals for new probe into crash

Russia has appealed to the International Civil Aviation Organization to open a new probe into last year's downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 over eastern Ukraine, the chief of the Russian aviation agency said Wednesday.

The Boeing 777 crashed on July 17, 2014, in the middle of a military conflict between Russia-backed separatists and Ukrainian government forces.

The Dutch Safety Board said in its final report released on Tuesday that the jet was destroyed by a Soviet-made surface-to-air missile. Two-thirds of the 298 people who died were Dutch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Putin chides officials for delays in space centre construction

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday chided officials for a four-month delay in building a sprawling space centre in the remote Far East, which has been dogged by corruption scandals.

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HEALTH

## Russian cities mull canning alcohol sales one day a week

Some Russian officials this week are daring to think the seemingly unthinkable in the land of vodka — banning the sale of alcohol once a week in the country's two main cities.

Although the initiative is only in its infancy, both the head of the national consumer protection agency and a top member of the Public Chamber, a Kremlin advisory body, on Wednesday latched onto the idea amid media reports that the Moscow and St. Petersburg

city governments were taking the prospect seriously.

The heavy media attention underlined the paradox of alcohol for Russia — while it may be as much a part of the country's identity as snow and Pushkin poems, it is also a severe problem. Heavy drinking is cited as one of the main factors in Russia's high mortality rate; life expectancy for males born in 2006 is just 61, according to a UN Development Program report.

The last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, famously failed at his attempt to tame alcoholism in the 1980s by imposing production limits and boosting prices.

In the early years of post-Soviet Russia, alcohol could be bought round-the-clock from kiosks on almost every street and guzzled on any sidewalk or subway car. By 2013, kiosk sales were banned, its sale at grocery stores cut off from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. and consump-

tion in public spaces forbidden.

Now, there's talk of going a radical step further.

A city legislator in St. Petersburg, Andrei Anokhin, this week attracted attention by saying the city council would consider banning alcohol sales for the whole day every Wednesday. Then, a Moscow legislator reportedly said the Russian capital would discuss a similar measure.

That lawmaker, Alexei Mishin, later said he'd been

misquoted and that he'd only suggested an "abstinence day" would be more appropriate on Friday, when the populace is gearing up for weekend indulgences. No such proposal is going before the Moscow city council, he said.

But by that time, the idea had taken on momentum.

"Absolutely, we supported this idea. And we will support it until it's adopted," Anna Popova, head of consumer protection agency Rospotrebnadzor,

was quoted as saying by the Tass news agency.

Public Chamber member Dmitry Chugunov also spoke out for a Friday ban in Moscow, and then said it should go even further, noting that Friday is when many Muscovites head to dachas outside the city limits.

"Limiting alcohol sales won't have a 100-per cent effect without a comprehensive ban in other regions," he said, according to Tass.

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# Hacks spur firms to seek cyber-insurance

## PROTECTION

### Data security third-biggest risk in Canada, survey finds

In the wake of the Ashley Madison hack and other high-profile data breaches, Canadian companies are turning to so-called cyber insurance to protect themselves from the fallout of data leaks.

The ensuing class-action lawsuit — and adultery website founder and CEO Noel Biderman's decision to step down in late August — were the latest in a series of incidents that experts say represent a wake-up call for executives about the real-world consequences of digital vulnerabilities.

Duncan Stewart, director of technology research at Deloitte, said the past year has seen a surge in awareness



The Ashley Madison breach is a wake-up call for companies about digital vulnerabilities, experts say. THE CANADIAN PRESS

about cyberattacks, and companies are turning to insurers to prepare for what seems an inevitability in an increasingly interconnected world. "The number of attacks are rising, the severity is rising, and when

they come, they're more difficult to deal with," he said.

There is no legal requirement for companies to report a hack in Canada, making the true number difficult to determine, but security company

Websense said in August 2014 that 36 per cent of Canadian businesses had observed a breach in their IT security in the last 12 months.

In a KPMG survey of Canadian property insurance executives, data security even beat out unexpected catastrophic events as the third-biggest risk facing Canadian companies in 2015 after regulatory burdens and low interest rates.

Stewart compared significant breaches like the Ashley Madison hack to automobile collisions that result in a total write-off, yet he said companies also require coverage for the small attacks and fender-benders of cybersecurity that happen far more often.

Insurance against cyberattacks is now just a part of the cost of doing business, he said.

"You wouldn't have a factory and not have fire insurance, so why would you think about not having cyber insurance?"

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## Shopify using Uber to deliver packages

Shopify and Uber are working together to offer same-day local delivery starting today in three major U.S. cities.

The UberRUSH program will be initially available to a select number of Shopify's merchant clients in New York City, Chicago and San Francisco but it's expected to go to other cities over time.

Ottawa-based Shopify says merchants enrolled in the program will be able to provide their customers with the option of requesting an Uber pickup and delivery — which can be tracked with an app.

Its Uber deal follows a partnership last month with Amazon, which has agreed to pro-

vide Shopify merchants with a gateway to the e-commerce giant's systems and warehouses.

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## CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON A STABLE HOUSE OF COMMONS



**“Trudeau is — at campaign’s end — better positioned than Stephen Harper to craft a viable minority government.”**

With the wind at his back in the last week of the campaign, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau is asking voters to give his party a majority on Monday. To measure what a feat that would be, consider that to reach the magic majority number of 170, the Liberals — with 36 MPs at dissolution — would have to more than quadruple their seats next week.

A leap of that magnitude may turn out not to be in the cards but Trudeau is — at campaign’s end — better positioned than Stephen Harper to craft a viable minority government.

The poll numbers tell only part of the story.

With just five days to go in the campaign, it is easier to project a Conservative defeat than a majority victory.

Three polls this week pegged Harper’s party more than 10 points behind the Liberals in Ontario and trailing by five to seven points nationally.

With those numbers, the Conservatives would need most three-way local battles to break their way to eke out a narrow minority win on Monday. And that victory could amount to little more than a pit stop en route to the opposition benches, or to another election.

Citing irreconcilable policy differences with the Conservatives, the other parties have all pre-emptively warned they would bring down a Harper-led minority government at the first opportunity.

In short, such a government would be dead on arrival in the House of Commons.

By comparison, a Liberal minority government would not have to look all that hard to find enough opposition

support to survive and to implement most of its platform.

Yes, there is plenty of animosity between the Liberals and their rivals — in particular the NDP — but as Harper himself demonstrated twice, reciprocal affection is not a precondition to a stable parliamentary relationship.

Having foreclosed the option of keeping Harper in power, the NDP would have little alternative but to do what it takes to make the Liberal alternative work.

In most instances, that would involve the New Democrats putting water into their wine or, in this case, putting wine in the water of their cautious platform.

The two parties disagree on fiscal policy.

Mulcair spent the campaign

preaching the need to balance the federal budget each and every year of the next mandate. Trudeau is planning to run deficits for three years.

But would many New Democrat voters truly want their party to bring down a Liberal government for running deficits and spending more on Canada’s social and physical infrastructure?

And what of Trudeau’s plan to cut off the federal child benefits of high-income families to redistribute the money to the less wealthy ones? Would the NDP really hold a parliamentary knife to the throat of a minority government in the name of the more well-off Canadians?

The line in the NDP/Liberal sand rarely gets deeper than on the issue of C-51, the Con-

servatives’ controversial anti-terrorism legislation. Mulcair has vowed to scrap it while Trudeau — whose party voted for its adoption — has promised to improve it.

It is unlikely that a minority Liberal government would stake its survival on getting its amendments to C-51 through Parliament. But would the NDP oppose corrective amendments such as the introduction of parliamentary oversight of Canada’s security services, if the alternative was to leave unchanged the law passed under the Conservatives?

Mulcair has made it clear that no amount of Senate reform can reconcile his party with the continued existence of the institution.

Fair enough, but Trudeau does not need the support of another party to set up an arms-length process to select the future members of the upper house. The way a prime minister goes about getting advice for Senate appointments is left to his discretion.

If he were prime minister, Mulcair would scrap the just-negotiated Trans-Pacific Partnership. Trudeau has kept his options open, subject to the fine print of the deal.

But a Liberal minority government would not need the NDP to ratify the TPP, for it could count on Conservative support to do so.

Finding enough common ground to defeat a minority Liberal government would not come easily to the New Democrats and the Conservatives, or at least not for a while.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

## metroview

### In Fahmy case, Harper prioritized politics ahead of human rights



**Steven Zhou**  
For Metro

The return of journalist Mohamed Fahmy to Canada this week after 400 days in an Egyptian prison couldn’t have been timelier.

It’s a reminder that Canadians should think about how much their candidates really care about human rights when they head to the polls in less than a week’s time. Fahmy, a former Al Jazeera English journalist, isn’t happy at all with the way Stephen Harper’s administration handled his situation. And he’s right to say that the Tories could have done a lot more for him.

Along with two colleagues, Fahmy was arrested in December 2013 for what are now widely denounced terror-related charges. He said in his first press conference in Canada that he felt “betrayed and abandoned” by his own government as the Harper administration dragged its feet.

Fahmy’s best chance at freedom was for Harper to personally intervene at the highest level, but it wasn’t until he was recently sentenced to three more years in prison (in another Egyptian show-trial) did the Canadian government truly step in on his behalf. By then, Fahmy had already spent hundreds of days in jail.

The Harper government allows politics and ideology to infringe on its theoretical commitment to human rights. Its reluctance to accept Syrian refugees in a timely way is another good example. But

the Fahmy case boiled the situation down to one person, one face, and showed how the administration wasn’t much interested in advocating speedily for one of its own citizens.

The Egyptian government under Abdel Fattah el-Sisi was gaining notoriety at the time of Fahmy’s arrest (right after toppling the elected government of the Muslim Brotherhood’s Mohamed Morsi) for locking up anyone who publicly disagreed with the administration. The arrest was clearly a violation of freedom of speech and of the press. But Prime Minister Harper wasn’t interested even in knocking off such low-hanging fruit.

It’s worth asking what this all means for a Canada that’s lost a lot of international standing during the Harper years, and has become all bark and no bite when it comes to human rights.

It’s become more and more obvious that the Canadian government is focused narrowly on denouncing its international rivals while bolstering its allies — all with little attention paid to the actual human consequences.

The Fahmy case was open and shut, according to Canadian Journalists For Free Expression, but the Harper administration treated it like some unapproachable gray area involving complex politicking. This only adds to the Tories’ track record of bizarrely ideological foreign policy.

**Steven Zhou** is a Toronto-based journalist and editor. He tweets at @stevenzhou.

#### THE MICROTREND: Dripping with deceit



The world’s gem giants are worried the diamond industry’s reputation might lose some of its shine in a market flooded with fakes. In a panicky presentation this week at the World Diamond Council meeting in Moscow, dealers were warned about clever copies that are either entirely lab-made or created by combining diamond cores or coatings with inferior bits of plastic, glass or cubic zirconia. In many cases, the imposters are getting mixed in with real jewels from large and well known companies. Jangling the alarm about this troubling trend was the president of the partially state-owned Russian diamond miner ALROSA, which produces a quarter of the world’s (real) diamonds. SOURCE: CNBC

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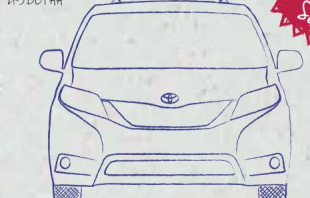
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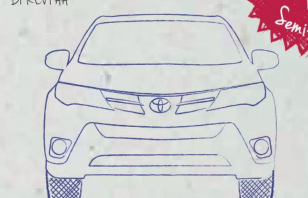
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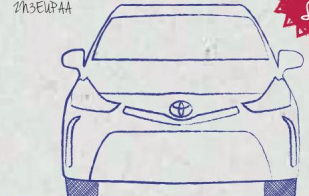
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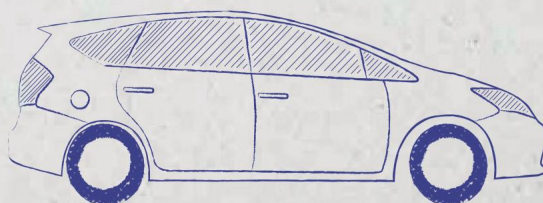


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## HISTORY

### A 20th century retrospective provides hints to our future



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"It seemed necessary."

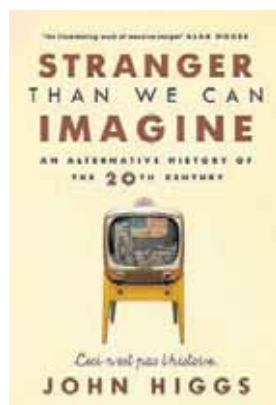
Ask John Higgs why he took some of the most mind-bending concepts of 100 years and shaped them into a retelling of the 20th century, and that's the reply.

Higgs is the writer behind *Stranger Than We Can Imagine: An Alternative History of the 20th Century*. Rarely have so many big ideas been crammed into one book. It's an ambitious project.

Higgs, who's from Brighton, England, has created a road-map of the cultural and technological advances that brought us to the modern world.

"The purpose of this is to make sense of now," explains Higgs over coffee during a visit to Toronto.

"The 20th century is obviously the century we know most



about. It shouldn't be strange to us. But the narrative we all know — the Second World War, Hiroshima, the Cold War, the Berlin Wall — that's not how it should be told.

"For some reason, that doesn't seem to lead into the world we now know, with tsunamis of information."

The difference between the 20th century and the 19th, Higgs suggests, is that 19th-century discoveries are easier to understand. Great feats of physical engineering or medical breakthroughs are impressive and accessible for an ordinary person.

The greatest ideas of the 20th century are more challenging, he argues. It's "off-putting, bewildering and slightly inhuman" to try to grasp ideas like quantum mechanics.

Higgs decided to explain those huge concepts, and link them in the story of a century.

"It's the most radical ideas that make no sense at all at the time," Higgs says. "They were the ideas that were on the edge, but they all seemed to be pointing in the same direction. When you tie them all together they make sense together."

And Higgs admits he tried to avoid mentioning politicians. "Politicians don't invent the Internet," he says.

"They don't change our society. They just sit at the top and take the credit."

*Stranger Than We Can Imagine* begins with relativity, then explains modern art, individualism, nihilism, the space race, chaos theory and more. It's brain-bursting stuff, but worth the effort.

But the real purpose of tracking a century of ideas was to look at what's coming in the 21st century.

Spoiler: Higgs thinks we're looking at a bright future because of changes in how we see ourselves, and that's all rooted in those big, 20th-century ideas.

"Getting your head around the past 100 years will change how the modern world appears to you," he smiles.

"You will see it with different eyes."



Who won the space race? In his book, John Higgs says it was the Soviets. But the U.S., despite being left behind for years, went on to win the cultural battle by landing men on the Moon. ISTOCK

## PERSONALITIES

### Cast of characters

John Higgs avoided mentioning politicians in his history book, but does talk about some of the 20th century's most fascinating individuals, including:



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# Burning issues of 1970s New York City

## INTERVIEW

### Contemporary concerns dramatized in city on the brink

Sue Carter

For Metro Canada



On Tuesday night, the incomparable Patti Smith regaled a sold-out crowd at Toronto's Design Exchange with personal stories from her new memoir, *M Train*.

Smith, the poetically minded matriarch of New York's 1970s punk scene, is synonymous with the gritty toughness of that era, so it comes as no surprise that her music makes an appearance in Garth Risk Hallberg's sprawling 944-page debut novel *City on Fire*.

Like Smith, 36-year-old Hallberg came to New York to be among like-minded artists and writers. In 2003, while on a bus heading into the city, listening to Billy Joel's ode to the Big Apple, Miami 2017, he had a vision for his novel.



Journalist and author Garth Risk Hallberg's debut novel started a bidding war that saw him bag a reported \$2-million advance. HANDOUT

"I knew this was the book I have to write," he says.

For the next 10 years during off-hours from his day job as a journalist, Hallberg created the world that would become *City on Fire*, an epic story that should resonate with those who actually hung out at CBGB and those who show their affinity by wearing vintage Ramones t-shirts.

Mostly set in 1977 prior to New York's notorious black-out and subsequent violence, *City on Fire* revolves around the unsolved murder of an East Village teenager named Sam. The novel quickly introduces a large cast of characters, all of whom are tangibly connected, but whose personal dreams and socio-economic, political and sexual identities offer original

perspectives on life in the city.

Since news of Hallberg's novel grabbed attention for its publisher bidding war (Doubleday Canada publishes it here) and a staggering reported \$2-million advance, *City on Fire* has been scrutinized by some media, suggesting its setting represents misplaced nostalgia for a time when drugs, poverty and crime reigned. But Hallberg says nos-



talgia is exactly what he was trying to avoid, "at least so far as it involves the flattening or sentimentalizing of the past," he says.

While Hallberg "adores" books like the Hillary Mantel's Thomas Cromwell tome *Wolf Hall*, he didn't set out to write a historical novel, either. What he found in the squalor of 1970s New York was "a place where I could dramatize the burning issues that still affect us years later: class, sexuality, race, questions of humanity and self-expression," he says. "These are all very contemporary concerns."

As he was writing the first draft and before any fact-checking, Hallberg realized he was already intuitively aware of so much of the story's ethos. Growing up in North Carolina, he recalls listening as a small child to political conversations among the grown-ups. By the time he was 17, he had developed a group of friends five hours away in Washington, D.C., who introduced him to underground zine culture. Originally he planned to dedicate a chapter in the book to Sam's diary, but instead, readers get inside her thoughts via a scrappy cut-and-pasted zine. Hallberg says, "Sam is so much me. Her voice is mine."

And then there's the music, which plays like an undercurrent throughout the book. All the touchstones, like Smith, are there, but Hallberg, who performed in a band and boasts 18,000 songs on his iPod, captures that timeless youthful exhilaration of watching favourite bands in sweaty clubs, unsure of how the night is going to end. Hallberg says, "That's the world where I grew up."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

## VIOLENT AND FUNNY

### Marlon James wins Booker

Marlon James became the first Jamaican winner of the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction Tuesday with a vivid, violent, exuberant and expletive-laden novel based on the attempted assassination of Bob Marley.

Michael Wood, chairman of the judging panel, said *A Brief History of Seven Killings* was "the most exciting book on the list" and a novel full of the "sheer pleasure" of language. He said it had been the unanimous choice of the five judges.

James was awarded the \$77,000 prize during a black-tie dinner in London. The 44-year-old author said he almost gave up writing more than a decade ago when his first novel, *John Crow's Devil*, was rejected by 70 publishers. He said winning the Booker Prize was "surreal," and joked that he would spend the prize money on a tailor-made suit or "every William Faulkner novel in hardcover."

He said he hoped his victory would bring "more attention to what's coming out of Jamaica and the Caribbean, because I think there are some brand-new voices coming out who are exploring contemporary society, who are exploring what's beyond politics, what's beyond colonialism."

*A Brief History of Seven Killings* charts political violence in



Booker Prize winner Marlon James. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jamaica and the spread of crack cocaine in the U.S., and hinges on a 1976 attempt on the life of reggae superstar Marley — identified in the book only as "The Singer." The story is told in a cacophony of voices — from gangsters to ghosts, drug dealers to CIA agents — and in dialects ranging from American English to Jamaican patois.

Critics have compared the novel to the stream-of-consciousness novels of William Faulkner and the hyper-violent movies of Quentin Tarantino.

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## PERSPECTIVE

### 'A novel of exile'

James, who teaches creative writing at Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minn., said he saw the book as "a novel of exile." He said distance from Jamaica had given him "a certain courage to go into topics like violence and the aftermath of violence and sexuality. ... I needed that distance and I needed that perspective."

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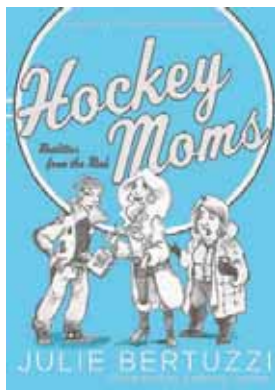
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BOOK EXCERPT **HOCKEY MOMS: REALITIES FROM THE RINK, BY JULIE BERTUZZI**

# 'She's unafraid to insult any player'



Julie Bertuzzi, wife of NHL player Todd Bertuzzi, has taken the observations she's gleaned from years of experience as a hockey mom to write 20 droll sketches of the fellow moms who lived at the rinks and in the mini-van to support their kids in their hockey dreams.

In this excerpt, we meet Big Mouth Betty, one of the "20 women you already know."

It only takes one listen, and after that you will instantly recognize Big Mouth Betty, anytime, anywhere. Her distinctive shriek can be heard the moment you enter the rink's lobby. She is the mom who acts like she's played a thousand games in the NHL, even though she has never actually worn a pair of skates. Or, if she has played the game, she likely gained all of her hockey knowledge during her old college days. She just doesn't know that the game has changed dramatically since the 1990s. Perhaps she's learned everything she knows in the lobbies of the great many arenas she has seen. She may even have taught herself by watching NHL network game highlights over breakfast. Whatever odd place is the source of her hockey wisdom, she's certainly not shy in telling you all about it. She takes over most conversations, and she is always right when it comes to the game of hockey. There's no point even trying to talk hockey with Big Mouth Betty because you will never be right — unless, that is, she agrees with you.

This Hockey Mom always stands with the same circle: either with the ladies who are used to her or with her own children, who have no choice



but to hang out with her at the rink. Sometimes you will see her with that one nice mom who just accepts everybody, but most of the team parents try to avoid her. Even her own husband tries to get out of going to the games with her. Or he chooses to stand by the glass, on the opposite side of the rink, so he can't hear her yakking.

One difference between Big Mouth Betty and other Hockey Moms is that most

night's game. These are a little easier to ignore.

Like the Drama Queen, this mom can be heard throughout the game. But unlike the Drama Queen, who's busy waving her arms in the air, Big Mouth Betty keeps active by constantly colour commenting the play. At times she feels she really needs to help coach, after all. And this is no act. She truly can't help herself. So she

steps right into Coach Mom's role and calls out the next line rotation or screams at her kid to get his head out of his ass so that he can see

the play. Worse, she's unafraid to insult any player on the ice: forward, defence, or goalie. She yells at refs, she shouts at linesmen, and she has been known to holler at other moms too. She gets especially fired up at dirty plays, so

much so that other moms sometimes have to relocate to different seats in the middle of a period. Quick tip ladies: always be the last to the bleachers. Let Big Mouth Betty get in first and stake out her area, and then you can find a different place to sit. And one last word of advice: limit this woman to one large coffee, as caffeine is the last thing she needs. God forbid she has a beer or a glass of red before a game.

moms don't want to be "that parent" constantly in the coach's face expressing one or several opinions on every matter. But because Betty is such a hockey guru, the other parents quite often suggest to her that she take her beef about the team's business to the coach. She can also be "loud" on email, sending out "reply alls" with her comments on the previous

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# Costello finally writes that book

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY

### Artist reflects on his father, prolific output

**Alan Cross**  
For Metro Canada

"I was asked to write an autobiography when I was 24," says Elvis Costello, "and I said 'Can I get back to you when I've done something?'" Now at age 61—and ten years after he was approached again—he's finally published a memoir.

"There's a lot of stuff ahead," he tells Metro, "and if I had to carry all this memory around with me without any other account of it...I never kept a diary. All of this is what I remembered."

Unfaithful Music & Disappearing Ink is more than a review of life lived in music; it's a love letter to a father, a massive influence on his life. Elvis' dad worked as a jazz singer for decades. Before that, his granddad was



**Unfaithful Music & Disappearing Ink is more than a review of life lived in music; it's a love letter to Costello's father, who worked as a jazz singer for decades.** GETTY IMAGES

a trumpeter with the White Star Line playing standards to passengers.

His father met his mother in a record store — "It's lovely. It's a beautiful thing!" he

exclaims — so it's no surprise that Elvis was exposed to all kinds of music as a child: Dizzy Gillespie, Sinatra, the Beatles, Peggy Lee. If ever he challenges you to a game of

musical trivia, politely take a pass and save yourself the embarrassment.

There are some very clever descriptions in the book. He recalls his New Wave period



as "being tipped into a shoebox with all the other broken toys" featuring "anyone who played fast, spiteful songs in a narrow tie, rather than with the authentic voice and attire of punk outrage."

He's had more than his share of hits, but has always refused to be pigeonholed. Some in the industry say that he could have been much more commercially successful if he hadn't been so prolific.

"They're businessmen, not artists," counters Elvis, "But let me remind you of this:

How many proper albums did the Beatles put out in 1965 and 1966? (Three: Help!, Rubber Soul and Revolver.) That's what I grew up with."

Elvis lives to make all kinds of music: country, ballet scores, operas, co-productions with Burt Bacharach, Allen Toussaint and even Paul McCartney, sessions where McCartney good-naturedly accused him of "getting all the good lines."

He keeps plugging along but he also says he won't record new music now because his dad is gone and he was the sole audience about whom he cared.

The e-book comes with additional photos and there's a companion soundtrack CD featuring many of the songs discussed in the book.

"I see now that I was lucky to work in the record business during that brief interlude between the time when they bought your songs outright for 50 bucks or the keys to a Cadillac, and now, when everything is supposed to be free."

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# A room with a view

Tech Mogul Zach Klein decided to build a cabin in the woods in upstate New York. He tapped into a community hungry to get away from city life. His book *Cabin Porn* is less about the exterior envelope, and more about finding your inner Walden Pond.

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## 30 feet in the air

Ethan Schulssler has built his elevated cabin with thoughts of flight. The Sandpoint, Idaho, structure is both whimsical and practical, sporting a pedal-powered bicycle elevator and a suspension walkway. "I did no research whatsoever," he says of his design. The lack of inquiry paid off. The clean-lined structure composed of western larch, is a modernist miracle, a dream abode in the sky. Just add balloons.



## The City Cabin

This cabin on Bell Avenue in Chicago is admittedly, more tree house than living quarters. But talk about possibility. Infill and lane housing are touted as the solution to intense urbanization. And in some areas like Toronto, where the average detached home is now a million dollars, some enterprising realtor will list this as the perfect in-law suite.

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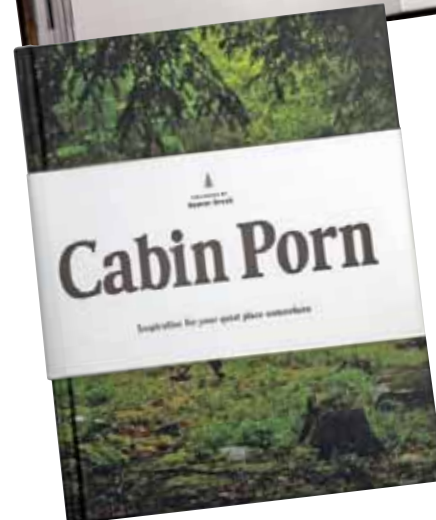


## Huon Valley, Tasmania

Ultimately, this cabin is about functionality. The jutting solar panels provide electricity. It isn't pretty, but it will get you through the winter. The foundation of a good cabin? Start with the cast iron wood burning stove. Life will fall into place.

## Linescio, Switzerland

A 200-year-old stacked stone home. Outside it is ancient and enduring, an untouched ruin. Inside, it is a tribute to Mies van der Rohe, a sculpture of poured concrete. It is the kind of building that author Zach Klein would call "Made by hand, but fashioned with imagination." Twenty-first century imagination. Reconstructed in 2011 it is impossibly cool, a battered Jaguar E-type with the beating heart of a Tesla.



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# Trading tales of Rwanda now and then

THE NEW HEART OF AFRICA

## Will Ferguson recalls road trip at centre of his new book



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Reading Will Ferguson's recent book, *Road Trip Rwanda*, is almost exactly like being in Rwanda. I know — I lived there for 25 years before coming to Canada.

From the seriousness of law enforcers to the mundane activities and the craziness of an entire nation about soccer, the Giller Prize-winning author managed to beautifully capture it all in a 350-page memoir that hit bookshelves early this month.

So when I recently sat down with him and his friend and travel guide Jean Claude Munyemamu — a Rwandan native currently living in Calgary, the man at the origin of the trip — it felt like three old friends talking about a neighbourhood they knew only too well, even though Ferguson had only spent three weeks in Rwanda.

**Ferguson:** My purpose for writing this book was to convey to western people that Rwanda has been enormously affected by the genocide. But Rwanda is not the genocide;

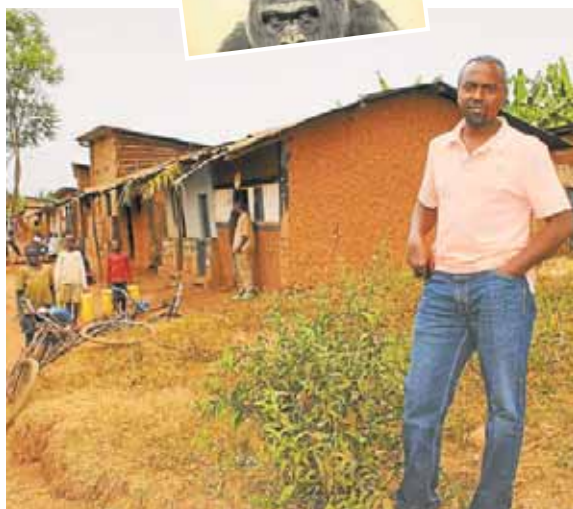
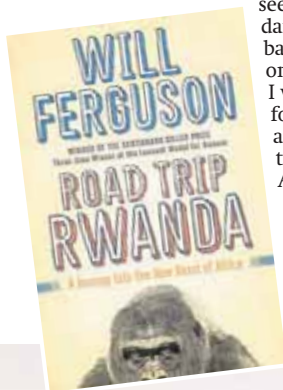
just the same way the Jewish culture is not the Holocaust. For most people it's as if Rwanda stopped in 1994. I hope this book shows that there's more to Rwanda than just the genocide. People are living their lives, falling in and out of love, worried about their education. It was important for me to make that clear.

**And you managed to do that by mixing humour, jokes and serious observations on how the country's people are not just coping but thriving, right?**

**Ferguson:** Yeah. I think road trips are inherently fun, even when your travel buddy doesn't drink beer! **Munyemamu:** He tried many times to convince me to join him for a drink. I have never had a drop of alcohol in my life.

**You should have taken me! All jokes aside though, in the book you talk about visiting genocide memorials, offering rides to the people on the streets and seeing the gorillas. What's one thing that surprised you the most?**

**Ferguson:** One of the most amazing things for me was seeing how Rwandan women could balance anything on their heads. I watched them for three weeks and never saw a thing falling off. And they're doing this walking up and down on steep hills. They carry everything on their heads.



**Author Will Ferguson's buddy Jean-Claude Munyemamu stands in front of the ruins of his brother's home in Rundu village. It was destroyed during the 1994 genocide against the Tutsis in Rwanda.** CONTRIBUTED

**It's not just women though, because I remember growing up and carrying everything on my head and walking miles and miles on every trip. Rwandans live on foot, man!**

**Ferguson:** And there are people everywhere too. You know, I didn't even make an attempt to drive when we were there. There are just so many people on the roads,

highways and small roads. Every street is full of people, and they don't fear crossing. I couldn't believe it. They say Rwanda is the most densely populated country in Africa, but that statistic is misleading. It makes you think of Rwanda as Mumbai, but it's not. The country is so beautiful with hills, forests and rivers. But Rwandans use the roads like hallways.

**I had the opposite reaction when I got here (Toronto) for the first time. I think my first question driving in from Pearson airport was: "Where are the people?" Anyway, tell me why Rwanda is a trip worth taking.** **Ferguson:** First of all, it's beautiful. People are warm-hearted, it's safe, it's such a small country and there's so much variety. You never

waste your time in Rwanda.

And for me the most important and powerful place we visited is at Nyange Memorial. This is a school where children refused to separate themselves according to their ethnic groups, and the militia killed them altogether. It's only there that I realized the cycle of violence is broken in Rwanda forever.

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Maya Krishna Rao is one of 41 writers who have returned the awards they received from India's prestigious literary academy in protest of what they say is a growing right-wing Hindu nationalism in India under the current government.

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# Dozens return India's highest literary award

DISSENT

## Writers protest growing sense of intolerance in country

Many in India's literary community are disgusted.

Dozens of writers say every day brings more evidence of intolerance and bigotry going mainstream — a man lynched allegedly for eating beef, an atheist critic of Hindu idol worship gunned down — all met by a deafening silence from the government.

As of Wednesday, 41 novelists, essayists, playwrights and poets had returned the awards they received from India's prestigious literary academy to protest what they call a growing climate of intolerance under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government.

The writers are also angry that India's Sahitya Akademi, or National Academy of Letters, has

said little about the murder of the well-known rationalist Malleappa Kalburgi, an award-winning Kannada-language writer, gunned down in August for his writings against superstition and false beliefs.

The government has dismissed the writers' protests, questioning their motives and accusing them of being politically motivated.

"If they say they are unable to write, let them stop writing," culture minister Mahesh Sharma told reporters.

The writers say they cannot remain mute spectators to numerous incidents of communal violence, attacks on intellectuals and increasing curbs on free speech.

"It's become a question of an individual's right to speak, to think, to write, to eat, to dress, to debate," said Maya Krishna Rao, a playwright and theatre actress, who returned her award to the academy this week.

When Modi won a landslide victory in May 2014, many voiced fears of right-wing Hindu nationalism leading to communal vio-

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Culture minister  
Mahesh Sharma, in  
dismissing the protest

lence and religious intolerance. Modi, who had spent years dodging allegations of failing to stop riots in Gujarat state in which around 1,000 Muslims died, assured the nation that he was prime minister for all and would work for everyone.

But the last year has seen a rising crescendo of violence by Hindu fringe groups, trying to force a regressive Hindu nationalism on all, causing fear among India's minority communities.

State governments ruled by the BJP have cracked down on cow slaughter, and even buffalo meat, a key source of protein for poor Muslims and lower caste

Hindus, has become scarce. The ban on cow slaughter has given rise to Hindu vigilante groups and mob violence has risen.

Last month a Muslim man was lynched in northern India over false rumours that his family had eaten beef for dinner.

On Wednesday, in response to persistent demands that the prime minister break his silence on the lynching, Modi said the mob killing was "sad and undesirable," but added that his government could not be blamed as the local administration was responsible for the state.

Last week, well-known writer Nayantara Sahgal returned her academy award, triggering the return of awards by other writers. Sahgal, a niece of India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, is known as a fiercely independent political writer who had crossed swords with her cousin and another former prime minister, Indira Gandhi, when she imposed a state of emergency in India in the mid-'70s.

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## GOSSIP BRIEFS

## Miley plans to perform nude

Want to see Miley Cyrus — and the Flaming Lips — perform totally naked? Well, first off that's an oddly specific fantasy. And secondly, you're in luck! But there's a catch: You have to be naked, too.



"(Cyrus) is planning a show where her, the band (us) and the audience are all completely naked with milk — well, white stuff that looks like milk — being spewed everywhere," Flaming Lips ringleader Wayne Coyne spilled

on Instagram. "It's a video (in the works) for (Miley and Her Dead Pets) song The Milky Milky Milk." NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

## Klum talks single mom status

Heidi Klum is opening up about life as a single mom

some four years after her divorce from Seal, and things aren't really that different.

"Obviously things have changed, but they haven't changed drastically," she tells Redbook. "He was never your typical dad who left for work in the morning with his briefcase and would be home by dinnertime every night. He

travelled a lot. The kids knew it was part of his job. I'm a mom and a dad at the same time."

On men in general: "Women are capable of juggling a lot of balls — we do things that guys just cannot do. Men typically can juggle only one ball," she jokes. "A lot of them have a very hard time just trying to figure out what

to do with that one ball. And often they want us to hold that one, too!"

I'm just going to leave it at that. NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD



## Lamar Odom on life support

## TRAGEDY

## After life a of struggle, Odom fights for his life

Lamar Odom, the NBA star and reality TV personality embraced by teammates and fans for his humble approach to fame, was on life support Wednesday, his estranged wife Khloe Kardashian by his side. Odom was found unresponsive after four days in a brothel, and authorities sought a warrant for blood evidence of drugs.

Hospital officials would not comment on the condition of the 35-year-old former Los Angeles Laker, who was found face down at Nevada's Love Ranch Tuesday afternoon, brothel owner Dennis Hof said.

Odom started "throwing up

all kinds of stuff" after a 911 operator told brothel workers to turn him on his side, Hof said in a phone interview. Odom "spent time socializing with some of my girls," but wasn't seen taking any illegal drugs, Hof said.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who visited him in the hospital Wednesday, said Odom was on life support and that doctors believe he is recovering after being totally unresponsive the day before.

"Apparently from what the doctor said, he was much better off today than yesterday. He at least has some responsiveness now," Jackson said.

"We're just holding hands and hoping he can bounce back," Jackson added.

Investigators have sought a warrant to obtain a blood sample to determine if Odom suffered a drug or alcohol overdose, Nye County, Nev., Sheriff Sharon Wehrly said.

Odom spent most of his 14-

year NBA career in Los Angeles with the Lakers and Clippers, becoming a fan favourite and beloved teammate. Then he took fame even farther, marrying into the Kardashian clan.

His whirlwind romance with Khloe Kardashian and their huge 2009 wedding was taped for the E! network, and Odom appeared on nearly two dozen episodes of Keeping Up with the Kardashians. He also appeared on Kourtney & Kim Take Miami, and his marriage was chronicled on the Khloe & Lamar show in 2011 and 2012.

Odom seemed to get loving attention from the Kardashians. Khloe would call him Lam-Lam and worry openly about him. Even after they split up in 2013, cameras recorded her calling him and checking on his welfare.

But as his life became a public spectacle, his basketball career faded. He was heartbroken in December 2011 when the Lakers attempted to trade him to New Orleans in a multiplayer



Odom spent most of his career in Los Angeles with the Lakers and Clippers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

trade for Chris Paul. He eventually went to Dallas, and was out of the NBA just two years later.

Odom's behaviour increasingly worried family and friends. He pleaded no contest to drunk-driving after an arrest in August

2013. Kardashian filed for divorce four months later and has been dating Houston Rockets star James Harden. The divorce has not yet received final approval from a judge.

Odom signed with the New York Knicks in April 2014, but never played.

Rumours of drug use followed; Odom was photographed repeatedly on Skid Row.

When cameras caught up with him on a sidewalk in August, Odom blamed the media for his downfall.

"Ya'll have discredited me, beat me down, took my confidence, took everything away from me. You will not do it again," Odom told TMZ in an interview. "To everybody that I know and that supports me, I'm sorry but it's just it. The dog has to bite back."

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## What they're asking

As Canadian cities grow, the only place left to build is up. Single-family homes are in great demand, and in some cities, rising prices and bidding wars are the norm. Here is an interesting cross-section of three-bedroom homes with a range of asking prices. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO

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**\$429,900**

### Calgary

This three-bedroom, detached home in the Mayland Heights district at 508 McKinnon Dr. is close to everything — five minutes to downtown, one block to the bus or a 15-minute walk to the LRT. The home features 956 sq. ft. of living space and three bathrooms. The master suite has built-in closets in an en suite bathroom. The second storey has two bedrooms and a spacious main bath. There's a chef's kitchen with white cupboards and granite countertops. Bryon Howard is a sales representative for Re/Max House of Real Estate, 403-589-0004.



**\$529,000**

### Ottawa

For sale is a three-bedroom bungalow in the McKellar Park neighbourhood. It has a main-floor family room addition, with hardwood in the principal rooms and bedrooms, a wood-burning fireplace and a fully finished basement with laundry. There are two bathrooms and a two-car, attached garage. The home is within walking distance to great schools and Westboro Village. Listing agent Kelly Millican is a sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-729-9090.



**\$219,900**

### Halifax

Here's a bright and cheery home with plenty of upgrades, in the Eastern Passage community. It features a slate-style tiled foyer and hardwood stairs. There's an open concept living room and large, eat-in kitchen. The lower level has an in-law suite, a separate den and a cozy recreation room with new laminate floors, a three-piece bathroom and separate laundry room. The home is located near amenities and Fisherman's Cove. Listing agent is Thomas Bagogloo from the Bagogloo Team, RE/Max nova, 902-830-9006.



**\$458,732**

### Winnipeg

Here's a great concept in home ownership: It's a two-storey detached bungalow sold as a condominium. The Country Estates at the Oaks is located at 70 Oak Forest Cres., in west Winnipeg, and features 36 standalone condos built by Irwin Homes. This three-bedroom unit is available for immediate possession, with 1,557 sq. ft. of living space and a loft. A low monthly condo fee includes snow shovelling and grass cutting. Listing agent Stewart Elston is a sales representative with Realty Executives Premiere, 204-781-9999.



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### Vancouver

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**\$989,000**

### Toronto

This character row house is located deep in the heart of Little Italy. It was built in the 1880s and has been renovated to perfection. The home features high-end finishes, elegant fixtures and heritage crown moldings. With a bright and spacious layout, there's also a finished basement with a separate entrance and a detached garage. The site is located near all the amenities and transit options of College Street West. Listing agents Ralph Fox and Kori Marin are with Sage Real Estate Ltd., 416-483-8000.



**\$559,900**

### Edmonton

Located in Lakehead Ridge, this two-storey detached home is situated on a quiet street near walking trails and schools. The home offers many upgrades including nine-foot ceilings, quartz countertops, lighting fixtures, flooring and window covers. The bright and open main floor has large windows, a laundry and a walk-through pantry. The backyard is surrounded by mature trees and a two-tiered deck. Listing agent Jeremy Amyotte is a sales representative with RE/Max Elite, 780-406-4000.

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# Bautista blasts Jays to AL finals in wild, wacky win over Texas

## MLB PLAYOFFS

### Bizarre plays, Ranger errors pave way to dramatic finish

Capping a deciding game filled with controversy, bad blood and just plain craziness, Jose Bautista's three-run homer propelled the Blue Jays into the American League Championship Series as baseball karma delivered Toronto to a wild 6-3 win over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday.

Game 5 of the AL Division Series was filled with drama — and almost as much talk as play on the field before a riled-up sellout crowd of 49,742 under the Rogers Centre roof.

When the dust settled, the Jays had rallied from a 2-0 hole to win three straight and advance to face either Kansas City or Houston. It was Toronto's first home playoff win since Joe Carter's home run secured the 1993 World Series.

The Jays rushed the mound to celebrate when it was over, followed by police to monitor the crowd. And baseball had a playoff game that will long be remembered, for the good and bad. Tied 2-2, the contest was turned on its head in the top of the seventh.

With Rowned Odor on third and Shin Soo-Choo at the plate with two outs, Toronto catcher Russell Martin's return throw back to the mound hit Choo's bat and flew off into the distance.

Odor raced home while the Jays players held their arms up in disbelief. Home plate umpire Dale Scott, who had called time, then awarded Odor the base — and the run — after a confab. As beer and garbage flew out of the stands, there was more talk and a review.

The ruling was the play stood — that Choo had not intentionally interfered so the ball was alive and in play. Martin was given a throwing error and the irate Jays,



Toronto's Roberto Osuna and catcher Dioner Navarro embrace as the Blue Jays celebrate on the field at Rogers Centre. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## ALDS Game 5



Mitch Moreland and two by shortstop Elvis Andrus — allowing Martin, Kevin Pillar and Ryan Goins to load the bases with none out.

The Rangers got pinch-runner Dalton Pompey out at home with the Rangers upset at the take-no-prisoners slide that took out catcher Chris Gimenez. Reliever Sam Dyson took over for Rangers ace Cole Hamels.

Josh Donaldson drove in Pillar on a field's choice float-er that just went over Odor's glove to tied it at 3-3. Bautista then slammed a three-run homer to settle the score, pausing dramatically to savor his handiwork before

flipping the bat and trotting round the bases.

Dyson took umbrage, jawing at Edwin Encarnacion, who was next up. The benches and bullpen emptied, although nothing came of it.

The benches emptied again after the inning finally ended. Jays pitcher Mark Buehrle, who was in uniform but not on the playoff roster, was the only player ejected after the scuffles. Texas put two men on in the eighth but closer Roberto Osuna ended the threat before wrapping up the ninth.

The Jays are the 15th team in MLB history to force a Game 5 in a best-of-five series

## + ONLINE RISE

The Toronto Blue Jays' success on the field this season is helping them online.

Toronto's surge into Major League Baseball's post-season and performance in the American League Division Series has seen the Blue Jays' popularity explode, with the team's official Twitter

account gaining more than 350,000 followers over the course of the season, putting them over one million total followers.

The Toronto Maple Leafs remain the most popular Canadian sports franchise on Twitter with 1,034,103 followers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ies when down 0-2 and only the third to win after losing the first two games at home (the Yankees in 2001 and San Francisco Giants in 2012 also did it).

The game was played nearly 30 years to the day that the Jays played their last sudden-death game (Oct 16, 1985, a loss to Kansas City).

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# Hamilton has work to do

## THE HOCKEY NEWS

**Brian Costello**

Just three games into a new season and the Flames are off to a rocky start with just one overtime win. Here are a few thought right off the hop. I'm not impressed with Dougie Hamilton.

I totally understand we're just three games into the season, and that it typically takes 10 to 20 games to transition to a new team. But that should mean he's just ordinary rather than third-pair bad for now. Hamilton has been weak in front of his net (the first goal against St. Louis was on him), passive in the corners and a step behind in shutdown situations.

At first, I was confusing his No. 27 for Deryk Engelland's No. 29. "Come on, Engelland. . . I mean Hamilton." I have faith he will improve by bounds.

The long-term injury



**Calgary Flames' Dougie Hamilton celebrates a goal but he has been disappointing in front of goal so far this season.** DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

to Lance Bouma throws a wrench into my hope Brandon Bollig would be used strictly as a 13th/14th forward — 20 to 30 games. With physical forwards Bouma and

Micheal Ferland playing a regular shift, was there really a need for a one-dimensional face-puncher? But now plans for Bollig may only grow.

I'm also impressed with the

poise and mobility shown by rookie rearguard Brett Kulak. Despite playing with erratic Engelland, Kulak has played a composed, mature game — putting the Cool in Kulak.

## HOCKEY

### Why was Ovie scratched? He overslept practice

Washington Capitals star Alex Ovechkin said he overslept and missed practice on Tuesday morning, and that's why coach Barry Trotz made him sit out that night's game against San Jose Sharks.

The Capitals said on Tuesday that Ovechkin missed the game due to "personal reasons." Ovechkin spoke to reporters after Wednesday's practice, saying he made a mistake setting his alarm clock.

He set the alarm clock for 8:30 p.m. instead of a.m., which caused him to oversleep and arrive at practice late. Ovechkin said Trotz then told the Capitals' captain he would not play in the game for violating team rules.

"I just messed up with my alarm clock ... made a mistake," Ovechkin said. "We talked. We have a conversation. It's (the) rules." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Would love to see him stick as a regular and Engelland move to No. 7 D when T.J. Brodie returns.

One bright spot has been seeing energy in Mason Raymond's game. Written off by a lot of us as a spare forward or AHL-bound, Raymond is playing with a sense of urgency you'd expect when you wind up on waivers. He'll probably always be a perimeter player most of the time, but maybe there can be 20 to 25 times he will go hard to the net and cash in like he did Tuesday.

It's time to start showcasing Joni Ortio between the pipes. Perhaps if he goes on a winning run, the best trade Calgary can make to eliminate this three-goalie rotation is to trade the young prospect himself and stick with Jonas Hiller and Karri Ramo. The future in goal has to be Jon Gillies anyway.

I haven't seen a Calgary breakaway yet this season. That's one of several reasons why I already miss Paul Byron.

## Ruthless Senators take Jackets to shed

Bobby Ryan, Mika Zibanejad and Kyle Turris each had a goal and an assist, Erik Karlsson added a career-high four assists, and the Ottawa Senators beat the struggling Columbus Blue Jackets 7-3 on Wednesday night.

Marc Methot, Milan Michalek, Jean-Gabriel Pageau and Mike Hoffman also scored to help Ottawa improve to 3-0-0 on the road for the first time since 2007-08. Ryan Stone had two assists and Craig Anderson made 37 saves.

Brandon Saad, Boone Jenner and Brandon Dubinsky scored for Columbus and Ryan Johansen had two assists. The Blue Jackets have dropped their first four games in regulation for the first time in the franchise's 15-year history.

### WEDN' DAY in Columbus



Former Vezina Trophy winner Sergei Bobrovsky came in with a 4.65 goals-against-average and was shaky from the start, finishing with just 21 saves.

The teams seemingly couldn't stop trading goals over the first half of the game until Ottawa bolted ahead, aided by more sloppy defensive play and botched coverage by the Blue Jackets that grew worse as the game wore on.

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**Ottawa's Cody Ceci, right, battles Columbus' Cam Atkinson.** PAUL VERNON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## CFL TRADES

### Als get QB Glenn, Calgary adds RB Messam while Tigercats pick up Edem

The Montreal Alouettes have acquired quarterback Kevin Glenn from the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

The Riders get a fifth-round pick in the 2016 draft in return for the veteran.

The deal came before today's 4 p.m. CFL trade deadline. Montreal (5-9) lost starter Rakeem Cato to injury

in Monday's 25-17 home loss to the Toronto Argonauts.

Glenn completed 171-of-257 passes for 2,174 yards with nine TDs and 10 interceptions this season with the Riders

(2-13), who have been eliminated from playoff contention in the West Division.

Montreal is last in the East Division but tied with both B.C. (5-9) and Winnipeg (5-10) for the third playoff spot

in the West Division standings but would have to accumulate more points than both clubs in order to become the first Eastern squad to cross over to the West come playoff time.

In another deadline deal, the Calgary Stampeders acquired running back Jerome Messam and a 2016 fifth-round draft pick from the Saskatchewan Roughriders for kicker Tyler Crapigna,

a 2016 third-round selection and a negotiations list player.

Messam, 30, of Brampton, Ont., is the CFL's second-leading rusher with 826 yards. Also, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats acquired Canadian defensive back Mike Edem from the Montreal Alouettes for a 2016 sixth-round pick and a conditional seventh-round selection in 2017.

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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
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This sweet and spicy dish is great alone or with grilled cheese.

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Prep time: 45 minutes

### Serves 4

### Ingredients

- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 Tbsps olive oil, divided
- pinch salt
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 2 apples, diced
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- pinch nutmeg
- pinch ginger
- 1/2 cup coconut milk

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400.

2. In a large bowl, toss sweet potato with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil and salt. Spread them on a greased baking sheet and roast in the oven for about 20 minutes until tender.
3. In a large pot over medium heat, add the remaining olive oil, garlic, carrot and onion. Cook, stirring frequently, until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Stir in the chicken stock and add sweet potato, apple and spices and cover allowing the soup to simmer for about 15 minutes.
4. Remove the soup from the heat and using an immersion blender or working in batches with a blender, puree the soup until smooth. You can add additional stock if you want to adjust the consistency of the soup.
5. Return the soup to low heat and stir in the milk and allow to simmer another 5 minutes then season to taste.

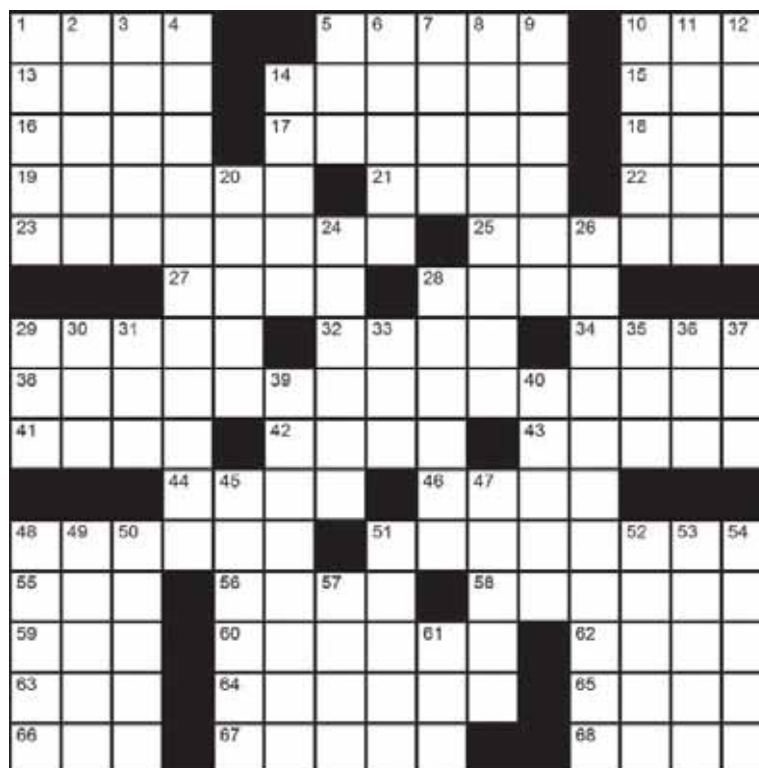
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### ACROSS

1. Be an appreciative audience
5. Royalty retinue
10. Gang
13. Standards song-writer Mr. Porter
14. Type of hair-piece
15. Adam's \_\_ (Water, colloquially)
16. Eddie Cochran rock 'n' roll song: "\_\_\_ Everybody"
17. Irish actor Peter or American golfer Mark
18. Former mil. General's abbreviation
19. Introduce, as a new fashion collection
21. Proofreader's 'leave in'
22. Point
23. Roundabout
25. Hollywood alister Tom
27. Not, olde-style
28. Shortly
29. Straighten
32. Exit user
34. Judi Dench's title
38. British Columbia's tree emblem: 3 wds.
41. Celeb's ride
42. John or William of movies
43. Sequence
44. Variantly-spelled refusals
46. Beyonce song
48. "\_\_\_ Really Matter" by Platinum Blonde
51. \_\_\_ Gardens (Calgary botanical attraction)
55. Same old,



- same old
56. 'Single'-meaning prefix
58. \_\_\_ & Davide (Makers of The Queen's shoes)
59. Ordinal suffix
60. Ascended
62. Poivres pals
63. "Cold Mountain"

- tain" (2003) role for Nicole
64. Most ready-to-be-eaten banana
65. "Mother-in-Law" by Ernie \_\_\_
66. Work week starter, briefly
67. Daunt
68. Longbow

woods

### DOWN

1. Nero's 351
2. "Death of a Salesman" (1951) character Willy
3. For everyone to hear
4. Canadian plus-size

- clothing chain
5. Web address' usual last word
6. Est's opposite
7. \_\_\_ the crack of dawn
8. Do a new version of the song
9. Theatre, in Italy

10. Tuesday: French
11. Margarines
12. Hollywood legend Ms. Davis
14. "Listen \_\_\_ Heart" by Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers
20. Dr. Frasier \_\_\_ (Kelsey Grammer character)
24. The Swan constellation
26. Current album by Canadian quartet The Tenors: 3 wds.
28. Boil under the collar
29. Hole-punching tool
30. Greeter's garland for the guest
31. 'Real' suffix
33. Bruins legend Bobby
35. Don't subtract, do this instead
36. Ms. West
37. Be off
39. Lofty language
40. Eyes-creator in a smiley face :)
45. Where liquid water has been detected, in recent space headlines: 2 wds.
47. Before: French
48. Aspiration
49. Do better this time
50. Mr. Hawke
51. Medication-dispensing person, say
52. L'\_\_\_ Montreal
53. Grant
54. Sniffers
57. Palm used for basketry or thatching
61. WNW opposite

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
How can you be sure that someone is telling you the truth? You can't, but it doesn't matter. Even if they are lying no harm will come of it.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
If someone you live or work with makes a mess of something today don't make a big fuss about it. There are far too many interesting things going on to waste time worrying what others may be doing wrong.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Focus on career and work-related matters today. If you knuckle down and get things done you will make the kind of impression that earns big rewards. Employers are eager to see you succeed — don't let them down.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Listen to what friends and colleagues tell you today because they can see the bigger picture while you can only see small bits of it.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Consider your options carefully, then act quickly and decisively. This applies especially to financial matters. Somehow you will just know what your rivals are planning. Use that knowledge to your benefit.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
The more you seek advice from people you trust the more their ideas and opinions will confuse you. You don't need advice, you just need to listen to your inner voice and act on what it tells you. Trust yourself.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
You already know the answers, so why are you still seeking other people's opinions? It is part of the Libra nature to look at all possibilities before making a decision but sometimes you can take it too far!

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You seem to know everyone's little secrets. You also seem to know who is telling you the truth and who is lying. It's an amazing talent and one you could and should do more with.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You will be offered something worth having but will be reluctant to accept because you are not sure if it is the right thing to do. The only thing that really matters is if it benefits you.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You can get just about anyone to agree to just about anything. Whether you use your powers of persuasion for good or bad remains to be seen but use it you must.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You may not change the way you do things often but once you do you go all the way and that's what will happen today. You will be amazed how quickly it becomes a part of your life.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You see trouble developing well before anyone else, which gives you a major advantage. Your way with words is also a handy weapon and anyone who challenges you today will wish they had kept quiet!

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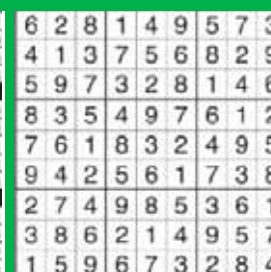
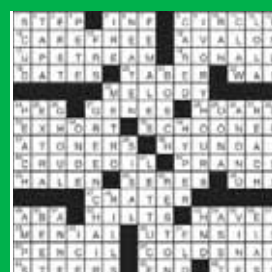
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